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PASSENGER LINER SINKS

Over Thousand Aboard Believed Rescued In Indian Ocean After Fire

Amsterdam, Mar. 31.

The Marine radio station at Scheveningen, Holland, reported that a 9,786-ton Norwegian passenger vessel sank in the Indian Ocean after a fire on board got out of control.

All passengers and crew members, numbering more than 1,100, were believed rescued by a British ship before the Norwegian Skaubryn went to the bottom, the Dutch radio station said.

Scheveningen radio did not make clear whether it had been in communication with the Skaubryn or the reported British rescue ship, City of Sydney.

The station said that the Skaubryn went down 300 miles east southeast of Sokotra.

Sokotra is a small British island colony off the east coast of Africa south of the Arabian Peninsula.

Mass Rescue

The radio station was unable on the basis of the apparently fragmentary signal picked up to state whether the City of Sydney went alongside the Skaubryn to effect a mass rescue or picked up survivors.

In any event, rescue of more than 1,000 persons in the open sea by a single 7,000-ton vessel of the City of Sydney type would be an extraordinary achievement.

Sea conditions at the time of the ship-sinking fire and the ensuing rescue effort were not known here. The usually placid, warm, lake-like seas in that area would help and rescue attempt.

British planes based in the Colony of Aden at the foot of the Arabian Peninsula would also be able to aid survivors in an open sea once it was daylight.

The sinking apparently took place, however, in the middle of the night.

First inkling of it was received by Scheveningen and other European marine radio stations after midnight tonight (Monday).

Emigrants

These radio reports, containing no details, hinted at a sea tragedy of vast proportions some 5,000 miles away.

According to the shipowners, the passengers were mostly Germans and Scandinavians with a crew of Germans and Italians for the most part.

The ship's officers were all Norwegians.

The ship was on its way to Colombo and was later to proceed to Australian ports with the passengers, believed to be mostly emigrants.

The Shaubryn departed from Bremerhaven, Germany, and later called at Malta, where 150 passengers went aboard.

Bergen Radio said that it had received no distress signals from the vessel.

Broken Down

A representative of the owners feared that the ship's radio had broken down.

But at the same time he said he was glad to report that the seven-year-old vessel was equipped with the most modern fire-fighting apparatus.

The Skaugen Line has since 1949 run a regular emigrant route from Bremerhaven to Australia. The Skaubryn, built in Kiel, was put into service in 1951. The ship was constructed especially for this kind of passenger transport.—United Press.

Townsend Leaves London

London, Mar. 31.

Group Captain Peter Townsend left here by air tonight for Brussels after a six-day visit which revived the 1955 drama of his romance with Princess Margaret.

His departure from London followed widespread press reports that his reunion with the Princess last Wednesday had angered Queen Elizabeth.

It also followed his own statement that there were no grounds for believing there had been any change in the decision of the 27-year-old Princess not to marry him.

A FEW DAYS

The 43-year-old Group Captain emerged unexpectedly from a secret weekend country retreat to board an airliner at London airport where he told reporters he was going to the Belgian capital for a "few days."

He also said he was "going on a holiday" and had no other plans.

The Princess announced on October 31, 1955, that she had decided not to marry Townsend, divorced father of two sons, because she was "mindful of the Church's teaching that Christian marriage is indissoluble and conscious of my duty to the Commonwealth ..."—Reuter.

MACMILLAN SAYS:

WORLD SLUMP COULD GIVE REDS CHANCE OF SUBVERSION

London, Mar. 31.

Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, warned here tonight that a world slump would give the Communists an opportunity for "subversion and intrigue."

Addressing a meeting in Halifax tonight he said: "The free world must defend itself by bombs and rockets alone. If it were allowed to fall into a world slump on anything like the scale that we knew 30 years ago, this would lead to a danger almost as great as military aggression—that is the danger of large-scale unemployment, poverty and suffering.

"There could be no better opportunity for Communist subversion and intrigue."

DEFLATION

Many responsible people, the Prime Minister said, thought the problem for Britain this year would not be inflation and rising prices, but deflation, with falling prices and unemployment.

"We must be careful not to be so concerned with the inflationary problem of the last 13 years that deflation may creep upon us unaware," he said.

But on the other hand, if a world depression should arise this year the worst position for Britain would be to find herself an island of inflation in a world of deflation. That would mean British prices going up while those of everyone else went down.—Reuter.

Freighter Drifting In Bahamas

Miami, Mar. 31.

The Coast Guard today rushed aid to the disabled freighter Irish Poplar, a 449-foot vessel operated by States Marine Corp. of New York, which sent a distress call this morning that it was drifting helplessly with engines out toward Grand Bahamas Island.

The ship said it required immediate assistance to keep from drifting aground.

The Coast Guard diverted the nearby steamship Atlantic Seaman to the scene and dispatched the cutter Gentian and a tug from Port Everglades, Florida.

STANDING BY

The Atlantic Seaman was standing by the stricken freighter late today. The Coast Guard cutter was due on the scene at 8.30 p.m. and the tug at 11 p.m.

Last reports from the Irish Poplar, the Coast Guard said, indicated that it no longer was drifting and was about 16 miles off Settlement Point, Grand Bahamas.—United Press.

Politician Committed For Trial

Belize, Mar. 31.

Mr George Price, leader of the left-wing Peoples United Party (PUP), was today committed for trial at the supreme court on a charge of seditious intention.

At a preliminary hearing he pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was released on bail.

Mr Price was committed to the April session of the supreme court which opens tomorrow.

REMARKS

The charge against Mr Price arise out of remarks he was alleged to have made about Queen Elizabeth during a speech here.

Under British Honduras law, seditious intention is an intention "to bring into hatred or contempt or to excite disaffection against the person of Her Majesty, or against the Governor in his official capacity of the Government of British Honduras as by law established, or the administration of justice."—Reuter.

CALL FOR COTTON QUOTA AGAINST COLONY

London, Apr. 1.

Mr Cyril Lord, wealthy industrialist and a leading spokesman of Lancashire's textile manufacturers, today called for the imposition of a quota on cotton imports from Hongkong.

In a letter to the Financial Times, he said Hongkong was being used as "back door" for getting textiles into Britain duty-free.

He stated: "Hongkong's textile imports, for a population of two million people, are running at a figure approaching £30 million annually.

RE-EXPORTED

"When one asks for figures which should be readily available — of how much is re-exported, none are given.

"This is because, by using the 25 per cent uplift method between the basic cost price and the export price, Japan can avoid any duty on her goods coming into this country via Hongkong.

"The government maintains that they have a quota in the amount of directly shipped Japanese goods that can remain in this country.

"But as the present position stands, Japan does not need any quota because she is free to send as much as she wants to Hongkong for reshipment here.

"A quota would enable us to have a stable home market on which all export business must be based.

"It is not a question of our home trade subsidising exports, but no one can keep his house in order if he is continually having to contend with intruders."

WEAK-KNEED

Mr Lord said Britain should not be too "weak-kneed and frightened" to do something which was common practice in other countries—the application of quotas.

"To say that the immediate suffered from such a process of trade strangulation would be the British consumer is, to my view, complete nonsense.

"The availability of goods for the British retail trade here, where they have the world's production at their feet, only helps them to exploit the situation, and dictate their terms to Lancashire at a time when Lancashire goods are fortunate to get a showing.

"It is precisely because of imports that the retail and distributive trades have been able to exploit the position, and keep prices high."—Reuter.

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ANOTHER MEETING

Manchester, Mar. 31.

The Cotton Board confirmed today that arrangements were being made for a meeting in London during April with Indian and Pakistani cotton interests, but a spokesman was unable to give further details.—Reuter.

Pearson Concedes Defeat In Canadian Election

Montreal, Mar. 31.

The Liberal Leader, Lester B. Pearson, conceded victory to the Conservative forces headed by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker in Canada's 24th General Election tonight two hours after the polls had closed in the central provinces.

The Liberal Leader, former Minister of External Affairs and this year's Nobel prize winner, made his announcement to newsmen at the Liberal Party Headquarters in Ottawa where he had been watching the election returns.

The figures that he had been reading for more than two hours had told a uniform story —Conservative successes everywhere and Liberal gains nowhere.

At 9 p.m. a United Press nation-wide compilation showed the following standings:

Results

PC elected 138, leading 42; Lib. elected 33, leading 15; CCF elected 2, leading 3.

Mr Pearson conceded without waiting for the vote to be fully counted in Manitoba and before the polls closed in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Mr Pearson tonight attributed the sweeping Conservative success to "the feeling of the people that the Government should be allowed to put its policies into effect."

Mr Pearson conceded the election at 7.58 p.m. He said he would carry on as leader of the Liberal opposition for the next five years "if elected in my own riding."

Telegram

At the same time he made his announcement, Mr Pearson released the text of a telegram of congratulations he had sent to Prime Minister John Diefenbaker at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

"Please accept my sincere congratulations on the decisive mandate you have received from the people in today's election.

"I wish you health and strength as you face your heavy responsibility of Government, and I can assure you of the co-operation of the Liberal opposition in all measures which will advance the best interest of the country."—United Press.

ELECTION WORKERS KIDNAPPED

Montreal, Mar. 31.

Several car loads of raiders kidnapped nine Liberal election workers from two Liberal Party committee rooms in Montreal today.

Two women and two men were seized in one raid and five men in another.

Eye-witnesses of the raid said the kidnappers forced their way into the committee room of a Liberal candidate, Mr Gerald Lioselle, and bundled their victims into a car.

BROKE AWAY

Raymond Therrien, Liberal organiser, broke away from the kidnappers but they recaptured him.

Police said they had arrested a man suspected of taking part in one of the raids.

In other incidents in Montreal police had arrested 23 people by early afternoon.—Reuter.

Murdered

Manila, Apr. 1.

Four masked men shot a wealthy land-owner to death in Tarlac Province yesterday, disappeared immediately and left no motive for the killing.

The police are working on the theory that the killers could have been disgruntled tenants working on the land-owner's hacienda in Central Luzon.—France-Presse.

Ike-Dulles Meet

Washington, Mar. 31.

United States President Dwight Eisenhower and Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, conferred for an hour and 10 minutes here this afternoon.

A White House spokesman said later that the subjects of the Soviet suspension of nuclear tests and of a reply to Moscow on a "summit" conference had been discussed.—France-Presse.

United States To Go Ahead With N-Tests

Washington, Mar. 31.

The State Department spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, said today that the United States was going ahead with its nuclear tests this spring and summer.

But he declined to characterise the United States statement as a rejection of the Soviet offer to the United States to join in a suspension of tests. He also declined to forecast the result of the study which the State Department promised to give to the Soviet statement.

Mr White was asked if there was any possibility that, at the conclusion of the forthcoming Pacific tests, the United States might join in an agreement to ban tests. He said he could not answer such question in any categoric sense.

He added that one possibility was that the Soviet Union would, following the United States statement, invite inspection. Mr White said that that remained to be seen.—Reuter.

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UAR REQUESTS UN MEETING ON MID-EAST FLARE-UP

Cairo, Mar. 31.

The United Arab Republic announced tonight it has requested an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to take up Israeli attempts to "seize" Syrian territory.

The UAR call came after two days of heavy fighting between Israelis and Syrians in the Lake Huleh region of the Israeli-Syrian border.

Tanks and light artillery were brought into play by both sides. Casualty figures were not clear but estimates rose to more than 20 on each side.

Aggression

A group of Israeli labourers and technicians, protected by troops, has been working on an irrigation project in the vicinity. The UAR has charged repeatedly that the workers were on Arab territory.

Last Night a spokesman here announced a note had been sent to UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjold, protesting against Israeli "aggression" and warning that it threatened peace in the Mid-East.

The note was intended, the spokesman said, for distribution among all UN members.—United Press.

Khrushchev To Visit Hungary

Budapest, Mar. 31.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will visit Hungary, arriving in Budapest next Friday, the Hungarian news agency announced today.

Khrushchev will head a Soviet Government and Communist Party delegation to Budapest to attend celebrations of the 13th anniversary of the Liberation of Hungary by Soviet troops, the news agency said.

Newly-appointed First Vice-Premier Frol Kozlov will be a member of the delegation.—France-Presse.

TWO AIRLINERS NEARLY COLLIDE

New York, Mar. 31.

The Civil Aeronautics Association said today that the second plane involved in a near-collision with a National Airlines DC-6B over New Jersey yesterday was another National Airlines plane.

The CAA, which today began a probe of the near-collision of the airliner carrying 58 persons, said reports of pilots of both the planes indicated both "were at the same place at the same time at the same altitude."

Capt. Jack A. Guthrie dived his loaded Florida-to-New York airliner 100 feet at 300 miles an hour to avoid a crash with the oncoming twin-engine plane when he saw it dead ahead.

The second plane was identified today as a National twin-engine Convair bound from Newark airport for Norfolk, Virginia.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

PALACE RUMOURS

THE present clash of news bulletins over whether or not the Queen and Princess Margaret are in agreement about their future relations with Group Captain Peter Townsend serves as another illustration of a point made in this column some months ago at a time when the Queen's Press Secretary at Buckingham Palace asked for guidance from Fleet Street.

The great majority of the newspaper reading public will probably agree that the matter is primarily one for the Royal Family itself, and will be sorry if already full lives are made more complicated or if members of the Royal Family are hurt by prying journalism.

Newer News

ON the other hand the vast majority of the newspaper reading public will rush to the first news stand that displays any indication of having fresh information . . . newer news

And it is equally certain that any popular London newspaper brave enough not to hazard a guess on this particular Royal affair will not retain its popularity for many more days.

In fact — a newspaper would not only lose circulation, it would fail in its job and would deserve to lose circulation if it ignored reports of this kind.

The task of righting the undoubtedly wrong situation that exists now, lies with the Palace.

Those who control the issue of news today from Palace, Parliament, or committee chamber have a difficult course to steer.

But the rocks along that course are largely composed of edicts, officials, and employers who do not understand the purpose or mechanics of a newspaper.

Guessing

WHY in this Royal case should there be so much excitement? The excitement about Palace rumours exists largely because they are rumours. Because they cannot be checked. Because "your guess is as good as mine" . . . so the bigger the guess the better.

The fact that the "Gossip Press" is looked on as a ruthless and unreliable animal that scours the gutters for offal, perhaps even the fact that the gossip press exists at all, is due to an undoubted popular taste for offal.

That the field of the gossip writer should include the Palace is due to a penchant in the Palace for cultivating mysteries . . . being highly secret about perfectly commonplace affairs as if there was something to be secret about.

Breeds Guesser

IT is a lack of reliable news, the strings of annecdote, repartee, and fable which endear the memory of monarchs like Queen Victoria to us still, that breeds the gossip guesser. But even more, it is the exclusion of responsible journalists and the impossibility of checking wild rumours that gives free rein to the guesser and the writer of inane, perhaps innocuous, tripe.

In the last resort, is it true that a public figure has an absolute right to privacy in all his personal affairs . . . or that in fact any of us have such privacy anyway? This is the cry of the upstart aristocracy, the nobility of stage and screen who leap at the advantages of general fame but squeal when it pinches.

The Queen would be the first to admit her duty of public example, as she is the first to practise it. Princess Margaret has already done so when she renounced the intention of marrying Group Captain Townsend.

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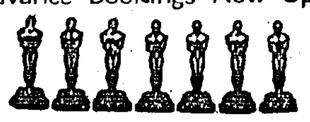

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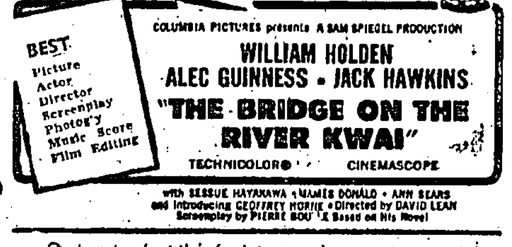

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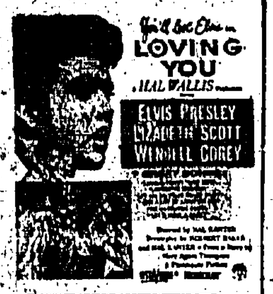

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FRANK SINATRA in
"PAL JOEY"

THE BRITISH COTTON MOVE—A TIMELY STEP

London, Mar. 31.

The Textile Mercury today hailed the formation of the company Weaving Reorganisation Limited to deal with the surplus capacity in the Lancashire cotton and rayon weaving industry as "a timely and realistic step which merits very careful consideration by the firm it is intended to help."

"It seems clear that if the sponsoring bodies have got their facts and figures right and there is still a considerable redundancy problem in the weaving section notwithstanding many mill closures during the past three years it will be a good thing for everybody concerned, not excluding spinning and merchanting sections, to have this further contraction carried out in an orderly manner," the paper said.

REMEMBERS

"Nobody who remembers the chaotic conditions in the Manchester market during the early thirties when forces of attrition were having free play will want history to repeat itself, least of all at this critical time when all sections of the textile industry should be building up a solid front to withstand the challenge of outside competition in a liberalised European market.

"Any plan that puts order and self-discipline before attrition, merits the earnest consideration of both sides of industry at this time.

"A bold independent effort by weavers now might even galvanise a reluctant government into doing something to help the industry on to a sounder footing," the Mercury said.

The Financial Times today reported that leaders of the Weavers Amalgamation — the largest British cotton trade union — had complained that they had been "kept in the dark" about the decision of the weaving employers to set up an organisation to buy mills and close them.

REGRETTED

The newspaper added that, in a statement, the union's central committee said this was "very much to be regretted." Even if consultation had not been considered desirable, it might have been better had the union been informed a little more fully as to the nature and purpose of the new company.

The company, Weaving Reorganisation, was incorporated last week to deal with the industry's problem of surplus capacity, the Financial Times added.—Reuter.

No Break In Relations With Japan, Says Yeh

Taipei, Mar. 31.

Foreign Minister George Yeh indicated clearly today that Taipei would not break off diplomatic relations with Japan in the current dispute over Japan's trade agreement with Peking.

Asked if Taipei would use the severance of diplomatic relations with Japan as an instrument of foreign policy, Yeh replied, "No, we would not."

At the same time he asserted "We will not change our stand" against the Communist trade mission flying the Peking flags in Japan.

Taipei broke off trade talks with Japan on March 14 and suspended all commercial relations with Japan as well.

Japan and Formosa let their 1957 trade pact lapse today without either sides trying to extend it.—United Press.

Saud's Denial

Beirut, Mar. 31.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia today denied that he relinquished any power to his brother, Crown Prince Faisal, by proclaiming sweeping responsibilities for him in the fields of foreign, internal and financial affairs.—United Press.

Impersonation Of Macmillan On TV Banned

London, Mar. 31.

THE British Broadcasting Corporation stated officially today that it had banned an April Fool's Day comic impersonation on television tomorrow night of Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

"In the sketch in question the Prime Minister was made to use abusive language to his wife and the script made fun of the summit talks and the issue of world peace," it stated.

"The BBC, on the basis of its ordinary practice, considered the sketch to be in bad taste."—Reuter.

13 Cuban Rebels Killed In Clash

Huge Seizure Of Arms

Havana, Mar. 31.

Thirteen rebels were killed and an unknown number wounded today in three separate clashes with army patrols in rebel-infested Oriente Province, an Army communique said tonight.

There was no mention of any Army casualties.

The communique followed an earlier police announcement of the seizure in a pre-dawn raid of a huge shipment of rebel arms and ammunition which apparently was smuggled into this island from the United States.

Fifteen rebels transporting the weapons, described as "the largest shipment of contraband arms" to enter Cuba since President Batista seized power in 1952, escaped.

Announcement of the Army clashes and the police raid came as Congress prepared to convene in special session tonight (at 0200 GMT) to bolster President Batista's position against tomorrow's scheduled start of the rebels' "total war."

The Army said six rebels were killed and "several" wounded when a patrol surprised them burning a bus in the town of Blanquizal near the southwestern Oriente Port city of Manzanillo.

Other Army patrols surprised "various foragers" in "criminal acts" at Mabay and in the Buquecito zone of Oriente, the communique said. Two rebels were killed and "some others" wounded.

The third clash took place, according to the communique, when "a group of bandits" south of Manzanillo were caught by surprise by a patrol. Five rebels were killed in this encounter. Those who escaped left arms and ammunition behind, the Army said.—United Press.

Brute Force By Italy's Militant Communists

Rome, Mar. 31.

Militant Communists, mobilising every tactic to win the forthcoming Italian general elections, today used brute force to get their names first on the ballots.

Fist fights or scuffles were reported in Sicily, Southern Italy and elsewhere in the rush of all parties to place their candidates and emblems on the top of voting lists.

General elections throughout Italy for a new Chamber of Deputies and Senate will be held on May 25 and the following day. The outcome will decide the future of the Italian government, until now ruled by the slouched pro-Western Christian Democratic Party.

Today, registration of Party candidates for the elections opened at 0700 GMT.

The first party in each electoral district to register, automatically appears at the top of that region's ballot.

All parties, but particularly the Communists, recognise the psychological effect to voters of this primacy.

By late last night, stoic Communist representatives began lining up outside provincial courts throughout the nation to be first on line when the registration office opened today.

Some sat through nightlong rainstorms and bitter cold. But they were first in. Other parties, including the Christian Democrats, also dispatched hardy officials before dawn.—United Press.

. . . Courage

Dorchester, Mar. 31.

A 14-year-old Dorchester boy scout patrol leader, John Potter, is to receive the Cornwell certificate for courage and fortitude.

John was born without a right ear and for nine years has been undergoing skin-grafting operations by plastic surgeon Sir Harold Gillies. Today he is normal.—China Mail Special.

Mystery Painting Of A Beautiful Woman

London, Mar. 31.

A mystery painting of a beautiful, well-known woman promises to be picture of the year at the Royal Academy summer exhibition in London.

The Academy's selection committee has given it the top "A" grading—a rating which has not been awarded to a painting since before the war.

Painter and subject remain a mystery.

An academy official admitted that Sir Charles Wheeler, president of the Royal Academy, had given some clues in comparing the work to paintings by Italian-born artist Pietro Annigoni, who has painted the Queen and Princess Margaret.

But even Annigoni did not receive an "A" grading for his well-known portrait of the Queen which now hangs in the Fishmongers' Hall in the City of London.

About 10,000 paintings have been submitted to this year's academy, London's most popular annual art show.—China Mail Special.

SEARCH FOR SAILORS WHO ESCAPED

Scene Of Recent "Mutiny"

Devonport, Mar. 31.

Shore Patrolmen combed the waterfront of this Navy town today for two sailors absent without leave from HMS Apollo, scene of a recent "mutiny" for which 43 sailors are to be disciplined.

The two men jumped ship last night, a few hours before the minelaying cruiser was due to sail on manoeuvres, and raced away through the Devonport Navy Yard with officers and S.P.s in hot pursuit.

The fugitives lost their pursuers by mingling with a crowd of other sailors leaving the Base.

A petty officer who ran into them in a bar here late last night ordered them to return to the ship, but they told him they were going to London.

The Navy withheld the names of the two men, making it impossible to determine whether they are among the sailors slated for disciplinary action.

A court of inquiry set up to investigate complaints that "spit and polish" made life on board the Apollo unbearable has ordered that two of the offenders be court-martialed.

The other 41 are to be "summarily dealt with" by the Apollo's captain.—United Press.

We'll Commit Suicide!

EX-MODEL'S THREAT IN LENGTHY LAWSUIT

London, Mar. 31.

A FORMER photographers' model told the London Appeal Court today that unless she and her mother could "clear themselves of the stigma" involved in losing a lawsuit against an 81-year-old baronet they would "commit suicide."

The ex-model, Miss Jacqueline Gray, asked the court to order her solicitor to hand over documents she required for her appeal—to be presented later—and also for a free copy of the shorthand transcript of the hearing of the £12,000 action she lost against Sir Strati Raili.

One of the three appeal judges, Lord Vershee, told her the court had no power to compel the solicitor to hand over the documents.

He advised Miss Gray to make a formal application for legal aid before ending the hearing.

Miss Gray, now aged 41, had sued the millionaire baronet, who had kept her as his mistress for 15 years, claiming the return of jewels worth £12,000 which she alleged he had given her and then taken back.

Sir Strati Raili denied giving her the jewels. He agreed during the action that he had lavished £38,000 on her over the years.

She had been ordered to pay the costs of the lengthy lawsuit.—China Mail Special.

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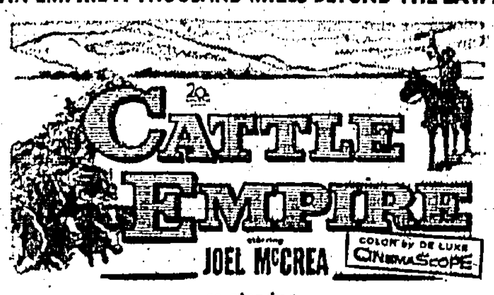

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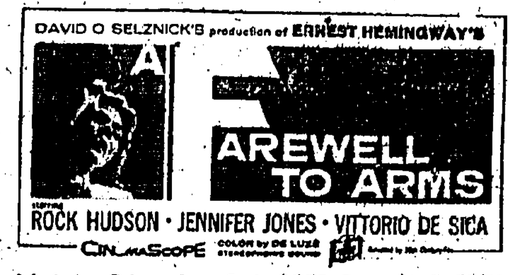

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Milwaukee, Mar. 31.
Herbert Krohn, 17, was arrested on forgery charges because a couple of bartenders disagreed about his age.

Police said Krohn had cashed stolen cheques under two different names in their bars. When he returned on the same day, one bartender greeted him as "Frank" and one as "Hello, Tom." The resulting suspicion led to his arrest.—United Press.

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Memphis, Mar. 31.
Mrs. Roy Vewell enjoyed the method she used to solving tricky cross-word puzzles in a contest for a $400 prize.

"I do all the words I think are easy," she said. "When I get to a hard one, I just ask my husband what it thinks."

"Then, whatever word he chooses, I use the same one."—United Press.

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Chicago, Mar. 31.
A local candy store is advertising for sale trade:

"Chocolate-covered garlic cloves" and "limburger cheese bon-bons. April Fool!"—United Press.

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London, Mar. 31.
A 70-year-old American woman, Mrs Vesta Bloomfield, who travelled thousands of miles on a world sightseeing tour, ricked her ankle and fell in Trafalgar Square, London, the day after arriving in England. Later she died in hospital.—China Mail Special.

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Cleveland, Mar. 31.
Herbert Felthouse, 4 ought a new tow-car for his service station and wrecking service. It's a hearse.—United Press.

More Than 100 Drown

Rangoon, Mar. 31.
More than 100 people were feared to have drowned when an Irrawaddy River float capsized in a strong wind last night near Bassein in south Burma, it was reported in Rangoon today.

Out of 123 passengers only 20 had been rescued, and rescue operations were continuing but there was no hope of finding any more passengers alive.

The incident occurred 20 miles south of Bassein.—France-Presse.

"In The Interests Of All Mankind"

BAN H-BOMB TESTS: RUSSIA

Soviet Plea To Britain And United States

Moscow, Mar. 31.

The Supreme Soviet, appealing to the British Parliament for an end to nuclear weapons tests, said it did so "in the interests of all mankind," the official Soviet news agency, Tass, said tonight.

The appeal noted "with deep regret" that Britain and the United States had not expressed readiness to give an undertaking to end tests by January 1 of this year as proposed by Russia last December.

The appeal said: **"As a result of every explosion of an atomic or hydrogen bomb the amount of radio-active deposits which have a harmful effect upon the health of people now living and on posterity increases on the surface of the earth."**

The appeal said the Supreme Soviet was of the opinion that nobody had the right to ignore warnings given by prominent scientists in many countries on the urgent need for immediately stopping tests.

Simple

"It is impossible to ignore the fact that at present it is comparatively simple to reach agreement on stopping tests, in so far as the number of states manufacturing nuclear weapons is limited to three.

"Sometime later other states will also be able to embark upon the production of nuclear weapons, a fact which cannot fail to complicate the matter of reaching agreement on stopping nuclear tests."

Declaring that the Soviet decision to stop tests unilaterally had been guided by the desire to make a practical beginning to the general stopping of such tests, the appeal said:

"In the interests of all mankind, the USSR Supreme Soviet urges the Parliament of Great Britain to support this initiative which responds to the hopes and desires of millions and millions of people in all countries.

To Others

"The Supreme Soviet is also appealing on the same subject to the USA Congress and the parliaments of other countries."

The appeal said that if Britain and the US stopped weapons tests then the problem of a general stoppage to atomic and hydrogen weapons tests would for all times be solved.

If not, then the Soviet government would be free to act, bearing in mind the interests of Soviet security.

However, the Supreme Soviet believed the Russian initiative would be supported by appropriate measures on the part of Britain and the US.

"The USSR Supreme Soviet expressed the hope that its appeal will find a sympathetic response and support on the part of the Parliament of Great Britain, where broad public opinion and influential political circles advocate the immediate suspension of nuclear tests."—Reuter.

Russia's Appeal Must Be Probed: Mr Butler

London, Mar. 31.
Mr R. A. Butler, Britain's Home Secretary, said tonight in a television programme that the Government would wish to examine today's statement by Soviet Russia that she was stopping all nuclear tests.

"We shall have to discuss the Russian statement, and while I cannot give the final government view, I only hope the statement represents a sincere move towards peace," the Home Secretary declared.

But he added: "The statement follows upon the greatest series of Russian tests that have ever taken place.

"There have been 50 tests recently, nine of them since February 27, and four of them were megaton tests.

"The Russians have certainly had enough testing for the time being, before making this statement. But we shall want to examine it, in the desire that it shall be for peace."

Asked whether today's announcement by Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, would make any difference to the British or United States governments' attitude towards nuclear tests, the Home Secretary said any agreement on nuclear disarmament must be linked with a plan for general disarmament.

He thought the Russian announcement should be examined in the sort of spirit in which Britain had made her proposals for disarmament and suspension of nuclear tests to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr Butler was asked repeatedly whether he, in certain circumstances, would be prepared to "press the button." He said he could not give an undertaking as to the exact circumstances in which the bomb would be used.—Reuter.

USE A THUNDERFLASH, ADVISES THE DUKE

Prince Philip

Folkestone, Mar. 31.
THE Duke of Edinburgh told the local chimney sweep councillor A. Sainsbury — "If you ever get pushed on the job, use a thunderflash, it's very effective."

The Duke met the chimney sweep during his tour of Folkestone with the Queen, on their return from Holland.

The Duke asked the sweep whether he used brushes or electrical equipment. It was a "combined operation," he was told.

Then he asked with a smile: "Do you have a small boy to assist you?" Told there was no "climbing boy," he offered his unexpected advice.—China Mail Special.

H-TEST: QUAKERS' MARATHON MARCH ON NEW YORK

Petition To The United Nations

New York, Mar. 31.

Three rain-soaked and footsore groups of Quakers and others seeking to end nuclear bomb tests, resumed their marathon walk from three cities to the United Nations in New York today.

All three groups planned to arrive here on Thursday night. Today they trudged out in generally rainy weather on their trips to the U.N. where on Friday they will present a petition to all member nations to stop nuclear tests.

A group of more than 50 persons left the Friends' Meeting House in Trenton, New Jersey, at 1400 GMT. It had set out last Saturday morning from Philadelphia. Tonight the group will stop over at Princeton, New Jersey, in the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.

The walkers who started from New Haven, Connecticut, on Saturday, plodded wearily through the rain from Westport toward Norwalk, today on their 80-mile hike. The group will walk only 14 miles today, stopping off for the night in Darien.

Four persons walked eight miles on Sunday, starting at Westbury, New York, on Long Island. They arrived in the Borough of Queens today, then went back to their jobs.

Resume

They will resume their walk on Thursday morning, in time to arrive in New York at the same time as the other hiking groups.

The "Walk For Peace Committee" composed of such pacifist groups as The American Friends Service Committee and the War Resisters League, as well as non-pacifists similarly seeking a ban on nuclear tests, said the hikers wore blue armbands and carried signs reading "We Are Walking To The U.N. to Urge All Nations To Stop Nuclear Bomb Tests."

The groups will present their petition to a representative of the U.N. Secretariat on Friday at 1600 GMT. At a night meeting, movie star Don Murray will address them at a rally.—United Press.

AFRICANS DEFEND EUROPEAN

Lusaka, Mar. 31.
Three Africans have been presented with awards of £10 each for courage in protecting a European motorist from a hostile crowd of Africans.

On the road near Kitwe, an African girl was knocked down when she ran in front of the motorist's car. As he got out to assist the child, several Africans attacked him.

The three men protected him from severe blows and kept back the crowd until a policeman arrived.—France-Presse.

Windy Nook Widow

Leeds, Mar. 31.
Mrs Mary Wilson, the widow of Windy Nook, sentenced to death on Saturday for murdering two husbands, is to appeal against her conviction, it was announced tonight by her solicitor.

She was found guilty, after a six-day trial here, of murdering her second and third husbands by phosphorus poisoning.—China Mail Special.

Tightrope Walker Hurt

Paris, Mar. 31.
Julia Baker, 22-year-old English tightrope walker, who fell 55 feet during a circus performance here yesterday, is in a "serious condition" hospital officials said today.

They said it would be several months before she would be able to work again and several weeks before she could be moved from hospital.

Miss Baker fell when her tightrope collapsed as she was performing before 4,000 people in the "aerial ballet" of the London Group "The 20 Digger Pughs" with the Pinder Circus.—China Mail Special.

FRENCH PLANE SETS A RECORD

Marseilles, Mar. 31.
A French rocket-powered fighter plane, piloted by test pilot Jacques Guignard, climbed to 49,000 feet in two minutes 50 seconds from ground level at a military airfield near here today.

The fighter, a Trident II, beat the world record by 50 seconds. The previous figure was also set by a French aircraft, the Gerfaut.

The Trident II has a rocket motor in the fuselage and a turbo-jet at each wingtip, and is designed to reach twice the speed of sound in level flight.—Reuter.

Earthquake

Cordoba, Mar. 31.
A strong earth tremor hit this town, located about 50 miles southwest of Vera Cruz, early today but no casualties or damage were reported.—United Press.

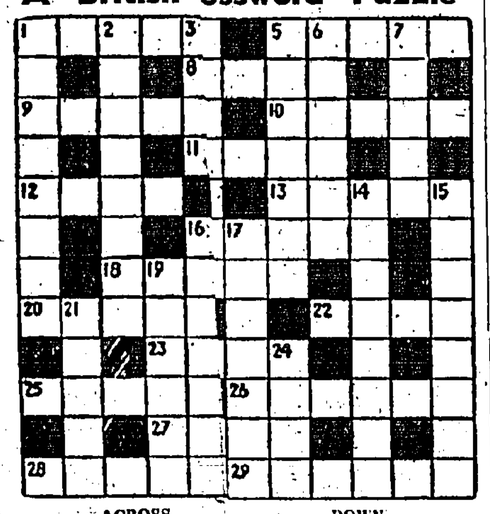
Infant Mortality Rate

London, Apr. 1.
THE infant mortality in England and Wales dropped to 23 per thousand live births in 1957—the lowest annual rate ever recorded in the country—as announced today.

The Registrar-General's quarterly report for October-December 1957, which includes some statistics for the whole year said that the previous lowest annual rate was 23.7 in 1956.

Deaths registered in numbered 914,946, giving a rate of 11.5 per thousand population, 0.2 lower than the rate of 1956.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Something gone wrong (5).
5 For paddlers (5).
8 Extreme hazard (5).
9 Red indicates it (6).
10 Numerical standard of dressiness (5).
11 Colour a little darker? (6).
12 It's right legally (4).
13 All over! (5).
16 In short supply (6).
18 In this we're all down the count (6).
20 It may take some shifting (5).
22 Colloquial New Zealander (4).
23 It shows I'm in debt (5).
25 What can you smell? (5).
26 Gracious (6).
27 Film holders (5).
28 Mount (5).
29 Acid is essential in his work (6).

DOWN
1 They interfere, and sound fruity (8).
2 Words of punishment (8).
3 Imitates animals (4).
4 Could be (7).
5 Dead embers (7).
6 They're not native (6).
7 Epistaffian (5).
4 Satanic? (8).
5 He who shapes the things to come? (8).
6 Showed contempt (7).
7 What children should not be (7).
Stick it (6).
1 He hopes to get the pip (5).
Not a trial game (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Sinful, 5 Sacks, 8 Sent, 9 Raises, 11 Annexer, 14 Rein, 16 Edict, 18 Spurn, 19 Grip, 20 Lemming, 21 Ilu, 25 Menial, 26 Door, 27 Rogue, 28 Nettle. Down: 1 Nail, 3 Uses, 4 Less-on, 5 Starter, 6 Cantrip, 7 Sexist, 8 Sower, 13 Escaper, 14 Ruining, 15 Include, 17 Divan, 21 Gammon, 22 Mere, 23 Sift, 28 Glue.

No Job For Atom Spy Klaus Fuchs

London, Mar. 31.
Convicted atom spy Klaus Fuchs will not be offered a job with the British Atomic Energy Authority when he finishes his 14-year gaol term next year, informed sources said today.

The sources were commenting on a report in a London newspaper yesterday that British security agents planned to visit Fuchs in Wakefield gaol, 170 miles north of London, with an offer of a job.

Fuchs lost his British nationality when he was convicted and now holds German citizenship. There is thus nothing to stop him going behind the Iron Curtain at the end of his term.

British security officials, the Sunday Dispatch said yesterday, are anxious, however, to keep him in Britain. Thus two agents of M-15—Military Intelligence—are to call at the gaol this week, the paper added.

Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years in 1947 for passing atom bomb secrets to the Communists after working on both British and American research projects.

Informed sources said today that the Western Powers have already decided they have no further use for him and would not stand in his way if he chose to go East after his release.—United Press.

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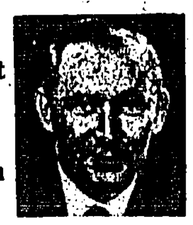
Young People and the H-Bomb

A Report to the Nation by



DONALD EDGAR

YOUTH in the shadow of the H-bomb . . . a generation whose future is threatened . . . has definite beliefs on whether or not Britain should give up the weapon. Donald Edgar has been talking to young people of widely varying backgrounds. Yesterday he reported from Oxford University. Today he moves from the colleges into industry :—

IT was the absolute calm of the young men and women when I spoke to them about the H-bomb that struck me. I had already spoken to the undergraduates of Oxford about the problem. They were excited, interested, articulate.

But when I went to the great motor factories on the outskirts of the city I found the young people tranquil and full of an instinctive common sense.

The slightly hysterical campaign that has been worked up to bring pressure on the Government to abandon the H-bomb—to give up atomic tests—to halt the building of the missile sites—all that had had little or no effect.

The apocalyptic warnings of the Bertrand Russells, the J. B. Priestleys, the Canon Collinses—the young people in the factories had been undisturbed by them.

There were some who thought we ought to give up the bomb, but they were far outnumbered by those who realised that this is no time for panic.

There was a young married couple who were having lunch together in a works canteen.

In their honesty, in their soul searching, in their courage before this dreadful problem they symbolised the young people I met in the factories.

Joan Wicks, 23, pretty and smart, started off the conversation with: "The H-bomb . . . I don't think there should be such a thing." She looked at me out of troubled eyes.

How could one disagree?

There should not be available such means of mass destruction.

Then she added: "But, in the world as it is today, I think we have got to have the bomb.

Awful

"IT'S awful, but I don't see any other answer." She looked down at her hands. "When I read about the effects of radiation on children I feel that it's no longer worth having a family.

"We have reached a crazy situation but we have got to face it.

"It's no use being cowardly and allowing the Russians to have their own way.

"So far as I can see there must be negotiations. These Summit talks must take place. There must be an answer. It's all so terrible."

Her husband, **David**, is 23, a sheet metal worker, blond, serious and the sort of man one would have been pleased to be with in any battalion.

He did not speak freely and easily as the undergraduates of Magdalen or Wadham had spoken. His words came slowly, but forcibly.

"The H-bomb is a dreadful thing. I only hope it is never used. It should never be used.

"If we gave up the bomb, the Russians could wipe the floor with us any time they liked. It's no use just having a general agreement to all give up atomic bombs. That would leave the Russians stronger because they have more men and more ordinary weapons.

"But, surely," he went on, "surely nobody wants to use the bomb and destroy whole nations.

"There is only one solution in the long run. We must all give up the bomb. But meanwhile we must hold on to it."

Heather Coppock is 17, pretty and gay. "I think it would be best if we gave up the bomb," she told me. "Even if the Russians dropped a bomb here I wouldn't want us to retaliate. I think the tests should be stopped for the sake of the children. There is too much radiation already."

I respected her point of view. I discovered that the young girls of the country who have considered the problem are all worried about the effect of radiation on the children they will be called upon to bear in the natural course of their life.

And yet so many of them, even with this fear and worry, still think that in the situation as it is today we must hold on to the bomb.

There was **Frances White**, who is only 16.

"I think we ought to have it," she replied in a most determined way. "So long as we have it I don't think it will be used. So we oughtn't to give it up."

Peter Curtis is 22, lively, with a great sense of fun. "I think we must keep the bomb," he said. "It's a matter of common sense. If we do go to war we have got to have it to protect ourselves.

Good thing

"AS for those missile bases, they are a good thing. In any case, I am all in favour of keeping close allies with the United States."

That last sentence I heard many times as I talked with the young people. I found almost no anti-American feeling among the youngsters who work in the shops and the factories.

Edward Howlett, 22, is a handsome blond man, who opened the talk with: "I've thought a lot about this H-bomb business. And I think we ought to give it up in order to set an example to the world.

"I don't think there ought to be American bases here with their H-bombs, their airplanes, and their missiles.

"As for these Summit talks—which I suppose are being talked about because people are worried about the H-bomb—I think the Russians have been reasonable. I think the Americans—especially in Washington—are being difficult."

I asked him what the position would be if we had given up the bomb and the Russians threatened us with one.

He smiled.

"Well, in that case, I think we ought to have something up our sleeve."

Which made me think the English have not altered much through the centuries.

Howlett is very typical. He hates the whole idea of the mass destruction of men, women, and children by the H-bomb—at times he convinces himself that as a matter of conscience we ought not to be part of an H-bomb armament race. And then he realises that we might be left defenceless.

So he adds: "We ought to have something up our sleeves."

I did find a few people like **Roy Williams**, 20, who works on a car assembly line.

He thinks we ought to give up the bomb — but he does not want America to do the same.

It is a negative attitude.

"If we give up the bomb," he said, "Russia won't attack us."

But he still wants the U.S. to provide a shield of atomic weapons.

"We shall just have to rely on America," he said. "I don't think they would let us down."

But I am glad to say I did not find this attitude widely spread.

Among most of the young people there was a feeling that if we gave up the bomb we should lose the influence we have in deciding the great problems of international affairs.

Tradition

BUT now I wish to come back to my original theme, the calmness of all these young people.

When you talk about the bomb they will discuss the matter with you.

But they have no great daily worry about the problem.

It is not fatalism—although some will say to you: "Well, it's not much use worrying anyway, is it?"

But that decision not to worry is not so much fatalism as the traditional response of this people to danger.

They had the same fatalism—which many foreign observers thought was crazy—in 1940. When we stood alone.

The young people whom I spoke to in the factories are not scared.

They hate the idea of the bomb being dropped—either on us or by us.

But, by and large, they are not willing to give up freedom and independence out of fear.

Obviously the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has its attractions.

The threat of total annihilation—in a particularly revolting way—must affect the thinking of youth.

No panic

BUT the woolly emotionalism of the campaign—the dire warnings, the intricate arguments—have not made our youth panic.

They are an extraordinarily hard-headed, common-sense lot, these young people.

They look the danger in the face. I think they prefer the risk of even the H-bomb to slavery.

I was not really surprised.

Weapons may change . . . but not the spirit of the British race.

These are my thoughts after talking to these young people . . . people who are not articulate out of ambition or egotism. So do not be misled by talks or writings of those who were described to me as "the old woollies" . . . the people who are trying to make out that the youth of Britain is pacifist or neutralist.

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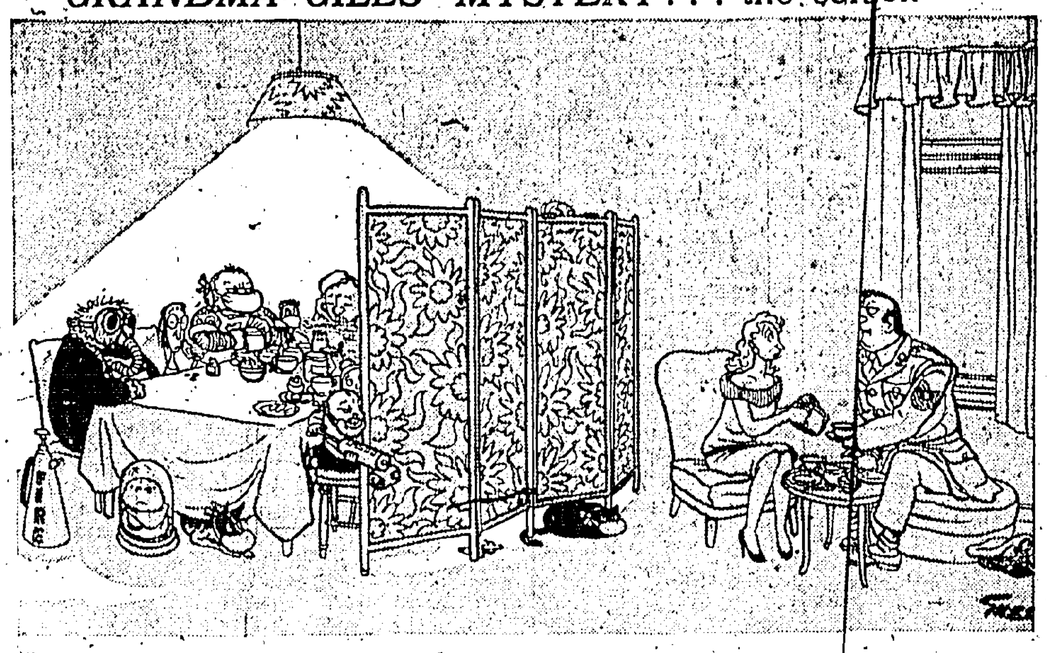


"Honey, will you kindly explain to your Mama that not everyop-sergeant at the Base is radioactive."

DOLE QUEUE, U.S.A. —AND I'M IN IT

FROM GEORGE WHITING: CHICAGO

DID you ever stand in a queue for the dole? I have just spent two depressingly uncomfortable hours at it in this once brash and brassy city—trying to learn how it feels to be at the no-business end of what the politicians and the economists call America's recession. It feels bad.

The grey-liveried tourist tout among the ice puddles at O'Hara Airport began it all when he assured me that "Chicago provides an unending number of never to be forgotten scenes of educational value for the visiting student."

Cabby's advice

Unfortunately for the sucker-seeker my cab-driver, one Hank Schlesinger, was listening: "Don't be fooled by that salesman, mister," advised Hank.

"If you wanna know what's going on in this town right now, lemme take you to 1608 West Adam Street."

One hour later I was shuffling my way around among more than 500 unemployed Americans, whites, non-whites, near whites, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans—plus one aged incumbent who claimed direct descent from the Indians who peopled these lusty parts when Chicago was a Lake Michigan swamp.

"Go out and talk to those guys," said Harold Spaeth, whose managerial job it is to pay "unemployment compensation" to nearly five thousand people every day of his life in this one office.

Ten other centres are doling out the dollars in similar fashion. Two more are being opened this week.

After all there are 107,935 unemployed in Chicago this week, as against 4,400 last year—and that is quite a sizable slice of recession, even for a city of four million inhabitants.

So I went out into the vast warehouse-type hall that the State Unemployment Commission have rented from Wieboldts, one of the City's biggest stores. Printed notice blaring instructions at us not to loiter seemed pretty pointless as we shuffled in our seedy queues towards the counter clerks waiting to check the pink and white forms clutched in hands that cannot find work.

My nearest neighbour, tall, gaunt and jockey-capped, turned out to be Irwin Filipowski, a 35-year-old welder from the International Harvester Group.

"I was laid off after 10 years in the job," said Irwin without bitterness.

"I was making one hundred dollars a week (about £28). Now they pay me 29 dollars 50 cents compensation (just over £10). I am single and I can make out dish-washing and playing the piano.

"But the outlook is bad. Another 1,200 men were laid off my old plant in the last two months."

Income drop

Paul Ryder, married with one son, has been off labouring since his firm closed down three months ago. His income has dropped from 80 dollars a week to 34.

"I am unemployed, and so is the ice-box back home," he told me. "With rent at 15 dollars a week, you could say I got my own personal recession," added Paul.

Leonard Potts, grain elevator driver; Ed Sperman, painter and decorator; Oliver Sykes, shipping clerk; Kazimierz Czermowski, die-setter; Roscoe Williams, tool-maker; Josephine Green, filing clerk; offered similar unhappy testimony.

"I am 50 and I worked for years to keep my son at Harvard," said Mrs Green. "I have tried and tried to find work rather than come here for compensation. But it looks like the good days are gone."

Jack Cohen, assistant commissioner of unemployment for the State of Illinois, received me in his North Canal Street office where he has had to double his staff—now 900—to cope with the rising tide of "recession" since last November.

His far-from-cheerful charts showed a state unemployment roll of 198,2[illegible] as of now.

"Seven per cent of Chicago's insurable workers are unemployed and receiving an average of [illegible] dollars 82 cents a week compensation," he told me.

"Illinois has unemployment funds available of [illegible] million dollars. But we are paying it out at the rate of 20 million a month against a collection rate of 3,000,000. With workers able to draw compensation for up to 26 weeks you can see how right we are to find the picture depressing."

Fred Goerlitz, manager director of Chicago's [illegible] merchants association considers things had begin to pick up at [illegible] —or else.

Autos TV sets, washing [illegible]hines and other big tic[illegible] appliances are feeling [illegible] pinch, but last week we [illegible]aged to turn our minus [illegible]s into plus for the first [illegible] this year."

[illegible]nd the unions? Irwin [illegible]s, of the Federation of [illegible]our, had this to offer: [illegible]ey used to say that if [illegible] can't make money in [illegible]cago you won't make it [illegible]where. Those days are [illegible]e. Eight thousand more [illegible]kers were laid off last [illegible]k."

Wacky

Such then is my 1958 [illegible]se-up of what I'd call a [illegible]mp in a city where [illegible]azy slums jostle minky [illegible]htspots; where the cold [illegible]ters of Lake Michigan [illegible]ng mist to mingle with [illegible]e smoke of the chimneys [illegible]d the smell of the stock[illegible]rds; where the bells of [illegible]e Chicago temple church [illegible]al hymn tunes in your ear [illegible] day.

It all seems slightly [illegible]acky to a pop-eyed inno[illegible]ent from the village of [illegible]ondon.

FOOTNOTE.—There are [illegible]o gangsters here any more. [illegible]ll I could find among [illegible]oday's peace-loving [illegible]itizenry were: the unidentified gunman who shot Mrs Esther Sandler dead in her kitchen....a Chinese laundryman called Moy Long found shot after a five years' sentence for selling opium....three robber suspects caught carrying a machine-gun.... two gas station burglars who took the attendant for a ride....and a policeman's 12-year-old son named Robert Merchant who rifled a school desk, sprinkled cleaning fluid all over the place and then set fire to the lot at the cost of four hundred thousand dollars.

This Funny World

"That report card probably wasn't meant for me. There are several Herman A. Vogelswinner, Jrs. in my class, you know."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A LADY who complains of her husband's eccentricity, because he clips his luxuriant moustache with hedge-clippers, should congratulate herself that he does not shave with a scythe.

Why, my dear lady, there are absent-minded men who stir their tea with a violin, try to uncork bottles with a telescope, wear boxing-gloves to sort ants' eggs, and try to skate along a tight-rope in diving boots. They peel oranges with a stair rod, use a fried egg as a book-marker, and take a door off its hinges when they want to come into a room. It all depends on the point of view, as the man said when he bent down to look at the Matterhorn through his legs.

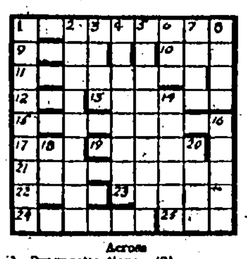
Tally-ho Colonel Mutterspoon!

"IT is a mistake," says a rider to hounds, "to imagine that it is only the rich and the aristocrats who hunt nowadays." Yes. For instance, the bounder who rode a donkey to a meet, with a sack of ferrets slung over his shoulder, had the wrong idea altogether. And I remember an occasion when a lady at a house-party was asked, "Are you a follower of hounds?" She replied, somewhat haughtily, "They usually follow me." And believe me, hounds is the word for Tony, Major Futtigrue-Sputt, "Bippy" Tredeagle, "Fudge" McGherkin, and the whole crew of them.

Seesaw and ballet

THE three Persians issued the following statement yesterday, on their failure to secure parts in the "War and Peace" ballet: "Seesaw is hart. To balince a plonk on yore belly with a uman being at halther end, up-down like in the oshun obord a vezzil, is beeyutiferl rothem to beold. Towelstoy and is Trossacks is orfrite, but hour seesaw wood be taking a hordiunce's mind hoff the orrers of the battle of Hosperliz and the reetreeting in the snowedup hice from the Kramulins. Doo pleeze not say seesaw was a child's game. Oldage men with fat grey beerds can do it for there elth, and mony a primer ballyreener wot can kick er at hoff or preform the splitz wood be prowd to mannidge a seesaw with hour skill. Wot a pitty hit orl his."

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Prognostications. (9)
9. Done with. (4)
10. Joins. (3)
11. Existed later than. (8)
12. Derivative of coal. (5)
13. Marked. (6)
15. Part of a building. (9)
17. Exist. (3)
19. A pose for a storyteller. (8)
21. Engagement ring. (4-6)
22. Vegetable. (4)
23. Tell-tale. (5)
24. Odds and ends. (6)
25. Certain kind of humour is this. (9)

Down

1. Kicked about (9)
2. Finder. (9)
3. Elves. (4)
4. Insects. (8)
5. Blights over parish churches. (9)
6. The woman. (8)
7. Current. (4)
8. Hurried. (4)
14. Financially embarrassed. (6)
16. Wavy. (5)
18. A deer. (8)
20. Fruit. (4)

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Yesterday's solution

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

BORN today, you are shrewd and calculating in making your plans. You are that rare combination of the visionary and the practical individual who appears able to make initial plans come to life. Although you are a good money-maker, you are not merely interested in getting rich. You like to have a basically interesting idea which you can develop.

You have a tremendous store of physical and nervous energy and, because of this, are inclined to scatter your interests too widely. You are always active and are likely to have a number of irons in the fire at one time. You may discover that you would advance faster toward success if you were to concentrate on one thing at a time.

Your critical faculties are well-developed, and you women, especially, must guard against becoming chronic fault-finders. This gets you exactly nowhere. If you learn to make constructive suggestions, then your criticism can do some good. Since you have a good memory you are able to use past recognition and experience in current problems. You have some of the qualifications of an executive. They need only to be developed to prove highly useful in your career.

You of the fair sex are quite emotional and probably will have more than one romance before settling down to marriage.

Among those born on this date were: Otto Eduard Leopold von Bismarck, statesman; Wallace Beery and Lon Chaney, actors; Laurette Taylor, actress; William Harvey, physiologist, and Henry B. Anthony, statesman.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Take care of your health and see that you have good energies to complete today's necessary tasks. Rest this evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Property matters perhaps involving the children, come up for your attention now. Handle problems wisely.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Your state of mind can prove important today. Look on the bright side of things and you make better than average progress.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This is the time to organize things at home and at the office, for a short trip may be near.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you have been overdoing things lately now is the time to get some extra rest for your health's sake.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—This is a day for clear thinking. If there is confusion at home or in the office, it can be of your own making.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Make careful plans for tomorrow and the day following. The tide is turning in your favour for a few days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Use this day to consolidate recent gains. Your efforts now will count for a great deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If a little confused over complications in your life, take time out now to think things over carefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Best for routine work today. If you are involved in business at a distance, consider details on that front now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You may follow your intuitions today and feel confident that they will lead you correctly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you have some dull routine to finish, get it done now. Put your desk in apple-pie order.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Loses When He Wins

By OSWALD JACOBY

"LOOK at this hand from last night's duplicate!" demanded the unlucky expert.

I studied the hand and remarked, "East and West can make three hearts without any trouble but I don't see how either can get in the bidding. North and South can make three spades but probably will misguess the spade finesse and make only two. What happened to you?"

"South became declarer at two spades against me. My partner opened the five of hearts. I won dummy's king with my ace and shifted to the three of diamonds. My partner took his ace and returned the ten. Dummy's jack held the trick and the next two plays were the ace and jack of trumps. South thought about his own play for a while and then decided to finesse. My partner won the queen and led a heart to me. I gave him a diamond ruff to set the contract."

"A very neat defence and also poor play on the part of declarer," I commented. He certainly should not have jeopardised his contract the way he did. What happened to your usual bad luck?"

"It was there all right," said the unlucky expert. "It seems that at all other tables North and South managed to get to either three or four spades. They all made exactly two odd so all our fine defence did was to get us a tie for low score."

NORTH (D) $
♠ A J 5
♥ K 2
♦ J 9 7
♣ A 8 6 5 2

WEST
♠ Q 9 4
♥ J 9 6 5 4
♦ A 10
♣ Q 10 7

EAST
♠ 8 2
♥ A Q 10 3
♦ 8 6 5 3
♣ K J 4

SOUTH
♠ K 10 7 6 3
♥ 8 7
♦ K Q 4 2
♣ 9 3

East and West vulnerable

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 N.T.	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♥ 5

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:
♠ A K J 6 5 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q 7 6 ♣ 10 5 3
What do you do?

A—Bid five no-trump. You want to make one more slam try. If your partner passes here you should still be all right.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand. The bidding has been:

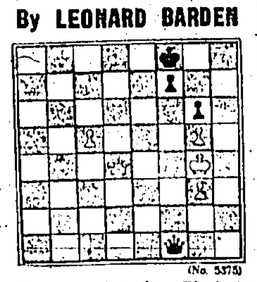
North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	?	

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



(No. 5375)

From master play—Black to move—what result?

London Express Service

TARGET

O	U	A
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D	L	R

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 35 words, good; 50 words, very good; 65 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Delta, delta, delta, alpha, alpha, alpha, lime, lime, lime, lime, lime, lime, lime, nasty, nitrogen, salt, sonata, pina, slave, centre.

WOMANSENSE

THE MAKING OF THE 1958 WOMAN

REPORT BY *Robb*

STRIDING out into the sunshine is Robb's "theme girl" for the spring, Joan Vaughan, wearing a suit that sums up quite a lot of the 1958 look. Leggy. Lean. Laconic.

LEGGY — because the skirt is that much shorter.

LEAN—because the suit is slender and plain and straight.

LACONIC — because it gets its effect without a clutter of trimmings.

The details: in delphinium blue, it has a short, loose jacket, sleeves that stop short below the elbow, a straight, short skirt.

Worn with it: a pale pull-on silk hat, off-white pumps, and short gloves, a big lapel-pin.

Left out of the 1958 picture: those gimmicks of the 1957 girl—the throatful of pearls, the big flat earrings, the rows of bangles.

What you notice: the suit.

What you look at: the girl.

PICTURE BY JOHN FRENCH

PRESENTED HERE ...

THE DETAILS that make the difference. Robb's drawings analyse the news, the trend, the scoops, and what it takes to be a 1958 beauty. First, the make-up: lighter, clearer, cleaner. Second, what to wear with which: a pointer to what to buy and what to burn.

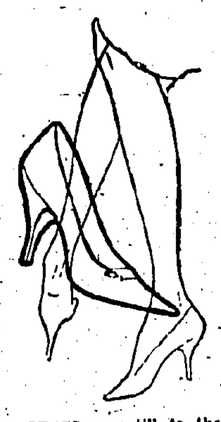
THE HAT: head-on, head-hugging, in rough straw or strawcloth. Again, no trimmings, no trailings, no flowers, no feathers.

MASCARA is cleanly and thinly applied—not coated on. For best effect, use the newest American gadget—a fine rod that twirls the black on, lash by lash, without splodges.

THE MOUTH is clearly outlined with a brush. Cupid's bow and all, with a smiling up-tilt at the edges. Colours this spring: blues and pallid pinks are out: pick clear-red or rosy-yellow.

THE EYES are softly outlined with a fine pencil (the newest eye-pencils have built-in sharpeners), with an upwards flick at the edge. Newest idea: try a grey line just above a black line.

GLOVES are strictly edited: no buttons, no bows, no trimmings, no gauntlets. The new length is just to the wrist. Missing in 1958 is the bracelet and bangle.



SHOES are still to the point. Toes are tapered, and heels are medium to high. Good setting for the 1958 must—sheer, seamless stockings.

The trend in JEWELLERY is pinpointed by a pin-brooch worn where you please—on the lapel, at the hipline, head-on on a bow or a shoulder—but worn by itself.

THE BAG: the slim, neat look. It's goodbye to bulges. Choose it in printed cotton, bright leathers—even straw or black patent leather in small doses.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Busy Railroad Train

—It Went Choo Choo! Choo Choo! All Over Town—

By MAX TRELL

"CHOO choo!" went Knarf as he ran down the street. "Choo choo! Choo choo!"

He went around a curve by the elm tree, cut back toward the white fence, switched on to a new line and went rushing and steaming and puffing along the curb until all at once—Poof!—he went into a collision with an old lady.

He Was Pretending

"Oh—I'm sorry!" said Knarf. "I was pretending to be a locomotive."

"Dear, dear, I'm sorry, too," said the old lady, smiling. "I was pretending to be a horse and carriage, galloping down the road. But it's all right. There's been no harm done."

"No," said Knarf. "We're both all right."

"I'll move over to one side," said the kindly old lady, "and you can go puffing and steaming on your way while I'll go galloping and prancing on mine."

So Knarf said good-by to the old lady and went steaming and puffing further down the street, while the old lady went prancing and galloping (though quite slowly) up the street.

"Choo choo!" went Knarf. "Choo choo! Choo choo! Here I come!"

Full Stop!

Suddenly, Knarf came to a full stop! Right in front of him was a butcher boy with a big basket of meat that he was going to deliver.

"Out of my way, please," said Knarf.

"Out of my way, please," said the fat butcher boy.

"I'm a Railroad Train," said Knarf. "You're standing on my tracks."

"I'm an Elephant!" said the butcher boy. "You're standing on my toe!

"But I'll tell you what we'll do," the butcher boy said. "I'll move to this side and you'll move to the other side. And you can go puffing and steaming and I'll go stamping and tramping. And neither of us will be in each other's way."

So that's what they did. Knarf, the Train, went one way, while the butcher boy, Elephant, went the other.

Kitten Squealed

Then Knarf ran around the corner. And all at once he heard a squeal. He looked down to see that he had stepped on a kitten's tail.

"Meow," said the Kitten, shaking her hurt tail.

"I'm a Railroad Train," said Knarf. "You're on my track and I ran into you. What are you supposed to be?"

"Meow!" said the Kitten.

Knarf shook his head. "I guess you're not pretending to be anything at all, are you? You're just a kitten."

"Meow!" said the Kitten.

"But I hurt your tail," said Knarf, "and I'm very sorry."

"Meow!" said the Kitten.

"You know something!" exclaimed Knarf. "I just thought of it! You can pretend to be something after all."

"Meow?" asked the Kitten.

Give Her A Ride

"Yes," said Knarf. "You can pretend to be a passenger. I'll give a train ride."

"Meow!" said the Kitten.

Back around the corner and up the street went the Railroad Train with the Passenger.

"Choo choo! Choo choo!" went Knarf. "Out of our way, everybody!"

"I didn't mean to hurt you," Knarf told Kitten.

"Meow, meow," went the Kitten.

They passed the tramping, stamping Elephant and the prancing, galloping Horse and Carriage.

"There!" said Knarf, when they reached the garden. "This is the end of the line. Go home, Kitten. I hope your tail feels better."

"Meow!" said the Kitten. And away she went, waving her tail like a happy flag.

Rupert and the Lost List—48

When Rupert has finished telling about Golly and the toy Cowboy and the reindeer and Santa Claus the two children burst out laughing in delight. "I say, I am glad we met you!" exclaims Brian. "You do make up the most lovely stories! Will you tell us another some day?" "Stories! What do you mean?" Rupert gasps. "I'm not making up anything. Don't you believe it?" For a moment he wonders how he can show any proof. Then he gets an idea and, telling the others to follow, he trots silently off, leading the way quickly into the wood.

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AT HOME, AWAY OR ON NEUTRAL GROUND

American Fight Manager Offers Pascual Perez Attractive Purse

Manila, Mar. 31.

American fight manager Stanley Freking today offered World Flyweight Champion Pascual Perez of Argentina US$40,000 to fight Dommy Ursua of the Philippines in Manila in November.

Ursua, third ranked world flyweight, knocked out highly-regarded Masakazu Otsuka of Japan in the second round of their scheduled ten-round bout in Manila last Saturday.

Freking said he thought Ursua now was ready to challenge Perez, who defends his title against Ramon Arias of Venezuela next month for the 112-pound title. "Dommy can beat him (Perez) easily," Freking told the United Press. "I have seen Perez in films and I believe his style is right in Dommy's alley."

Perez and Ursua are sluggers.

Freking, however, denied knowledge of reports that a promoter in Mexico City was arranging a bout between Ursua and Mexican bantam champion Joe Becerra.

"I'd like to get to the bottom of the reports," Freking said. "Because I know absolutely nothing about it."

He said he currently has no plans for Ursua but might "consider" a bout with Becerra if the terms are right.

His Title Bout

Freking said he was ready to go "as far as US$40,000" to have Perez fight Dommy in Manila "if he wins his title bout against Arias."

The American fight promotor shrugged off Arias' victory over Ursua recently as a "hometown decision."

He said that he felt if anybody can bring a world title to the Philippines in the near future it would be either Ursua or Orient Lightweight Champion Gabriel (Flash) Elorde.

"Ursua is a natural flyweight," Freking said. "He had made tremendous improvement after his campaign in the United States early this year. He hits harder now and is more accurate with his punches.

The four-feet-eleven Filipino proved his accuracy on Saturday when he knocked down Otsuka four times in the second stanza and stowed him away with a final short left hook to the jaw.

"Ursua," Freking said proudly, "also can defend himself better now."

Freking also said Ursua's next fight in Manila might be against Philippine Bantamweight Champion Al Asuncion.

"Everybody's talking about it," Freking said.—United Press.

Famous Sports Stars I Have Met

ERIC BOON

By Archie Quick

Just over a quarter of a century ago a small hall in North London which had once been a chapel produced two characters who were destined to leave their mark, indelibly, on British boxing. The hall was the Devonshire Club, Hackney, and the two characters Jack Solomons and Eric Boon.

At the "Devonshire" they used to stage their shows on Sunday afternoons for the very considerable Hebrew element in the district. Small, intimate affairs, good rousing second-class fighting, cigar smoke, fruit, nuts and meat rolls. It was the beginning of the road for the Stamford Hill fishmonger-cum-bookmaker who was to become "Mr British Boxing."

Jack's first slice of good fortune was to hear of a blacksmith up in the Cambridgeshire fens at Chatteris who was pretty handy with his fists. It was Boon, stormy petrel of the fistic world, whose epic lightweight contest with Arthur Danahar is still the yardstick upon which all good bouts are judged. "Boy" Boon earned himself fame and fortune, and carried manager Solomons along with him on the tide of success.

Only Difference

The only difference between the pair is that Solomons rode the breakers and stayed on the crest of the wave; Boon sank.

There was the same atmosphere at the "Devonshire" on Sunday afternoons that you got at the Blackfriars Ring, Mile End Arena and the other East End centres where the Jew and Gentile were always scrapping to survive. Great names; great days which will never come back. For those smoke-filled halls were the very essence of fistiana.

Solomons moved up. The manager, who often asked me to give "this boy Boon of mine" some publicity, elevated himself to the plush-dinner-jacket-at-ringside circle. He followed Cochran, Wilson, Dickson and Hulls as the big-time impresario of the sixteen foot ring, and it is doubtful if anyone else could have been found to stage world championship fights on the grand scale of the Mills-Lesnevich and Turpin-Robinson battles.

Time will show whether the Solomons' monopoly has been good for boxing, particularly in the provinces, but there is no gainsaying the fact that his Harringay and White City promotions have raised the standard of British tournaments to a new degree of efficiency and showmanship and that the boxers themselves have benefited as a result.

SKATING TOUR

Minneapolis, Mar. 31.

World figure skating champion Carol Heiss left today for an extended tour of Japan after capturing her second straight National Figure Skating Championship.—United Press.

Crack Swimmers To Compete In American Meet

New Haven, Mar. 31.

Two of the world's greatest swimmers will be rematched this week-end during the National AAU Championships at Yale.

Australia's Murray Rose, and America's Gerry Breen will compete for the first time since two years ago in the Olympics at Melbourne when Rose won the 1,500-metre event.

In this week-end's competition, Breen is the defending champion in the 1,500 and also the 440-yard freestyle but Rose is favoured in both events as he makes his American debut in competitive swimming.

Yale said that the divers will be the "greatest collection ever assembled short of actual Olympic competition." Among those on hand will be Olympian Don Harper, the 1957 AAU low-board champion, and Glenn Whitten, defending high-board champ, both from Ohio State.—United Press.

Enemy Crowds Won't Hurt A Good Team Except If Players Are Unseasoned

Says TOM FINNEY

How much does a partisan crowd affect the result of a football match? I've been asked that question a dozen times in the past few days—ever since Manchester United protested strongly about having to replay their Cup semi-final on Wednesday right in the heart of "enemy" country.

After drawing at Birmingham, they had to travel about 200 miles to Highbury Stadium, North London, for the match.

Fulham—and their thousands of fans—had to jump on the underground and pay a 1s. 4d. fare.

Regardless of the result, was this fair? Frankly, looking at it through the experience of quite a few years in professional football, my immediate reaction was yes. The Football Association were quite reasonable in fixing this venue.

After all, I believe that if a team is really good enough it will win anywhere—at home, away or on a neutral ground.

In fact, the most inexplicable thing to me in soccer is that home winners still continue to outnumber away winners in such a huge proportion. It just isn't logical—yet it's been happening for years and I suppose it will continue to happen.

BUT—and, after giving this problem quite a lot of thought, it is a very large BUT—I can well understand Manchester United's reactions. Because, as a result of the tragedy which overtook them earlier this season, they had no choice other than to rely largely on unseasoned players.

And, as I tried to imagine how they felt as they trotted out on to the Highbury pitch on Wednesday, I recalled just how I felt in my first really big match.

It wasn't even a well-remembered one. It was the 1941 wartime Cup Final between Preston and Arsenal, at Wembley.

Knocking Knees

The crowd that day, because of the possibility of bombing raids, was limited to 75,000. But as I walked out of the tunnel, an inexperienced youth of 18, my knees were literally knocking.

Looking back on later matches, before wildly partisan Continental crowds and pent-up South Americans, I still recall that first appearance at Wembley as the most terrifying experience of my life.

Ten minutes after the kick-off, I was still shaking with nerves. And, although the nerves had largely worn off by half time, I was aware of the crowd throughout the match.

Another afternoon, almost as bad, came only three or four seasons ago. Again it was at Wembley....and the occasion was an international match in which I had been selected, in the face of quite a deal of criticism, to replace Stanley Matthews on England's right wing.

I thought that, years before, I had ceased even to hear the loudest criticism of a huge crowd. But it didn't work out that way.

I don't think the barracking that day actually put me out of my stride. But it certainly upset my concentration.

This, in a match as vitally important as a Cup semi-final, is the very thing that Manchester United were trying to avoid when they appealed—unsuccessfully, as you know—against having to go to London where Fulham supporters would outnumber their own by anything up to 6-1.

I believe that a youngster like Bobby Charlton, who, apart from the late Duncan Edwards, is the calmest and most mature young player I have ever seen, would not be affected by this overwhelming vocal opposition.

He is, after all, a member of the football family Milburn—and that means he's a thoroughbred.

But there were other youngsters in United's ranks. And as I remember that Wembley afternoon in 1941, I know how they felt.

The Tension

In principle, though, I still maintain that the venue shouldn't make any difference. There is automatically a tremendous amount of tension before any Cup-tie—for the obvious reason that you know full well that if you have an off day today, there will be no second chance.

When you have overcome that tension, you can tackle the bigger battle of winning the match. But not before.

This is something even very experienced players, including myself, still have to conquer at the start of any big game. So—over this question of an appeal against the Highbury venue—please don't hold it against Manchester United.

They were doing what every club should do—bidding to get the best possible chance of carrying the Cup back to their fans.

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HARD TO BEAT

Manila, Apr. 1.

Two Filipino shooters served notice yesterday they would be hard to beat during the forthcoming Asian Games when they cracked the Philippine mark for the smallbore rifle three-position event.

Both are veterans of international shooting. — France-Presse.

Japan-Philippine Davis Cup Match In May

Manila, Apr. 1.

The Philippine Davis Cup team departs for Tokyo the last week of April to play Japan in the semi-finals of the Davis Cup, Asian Zone eliminations.

Japan has proposed May 2, 3 and 4 for the tie and reports are that the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation will approve the dates.

Members of the Philippines team have not yet been decided but three are almost sure to make the trip—Felicisimo Ampon, Raymundo Deyro and Johnny Jose.—France-Presse.

A Narrow Win For Italian Boxer Over Filipino

Sydney, Mar. 31.

Italian lightweight Germano Cavalieri scored a 12-round points win over Filipino Tommy Romulo at the Sydney Stadium here tonight before a crowd of 5,000.

Cavalieri weighed 138 pounds, Romulo 134.

After building up a points lead in the early rounds the Filipino was driven back by some vicious hooks, which gained Cavalieri a narrow win.

Romulo found it hard to handle the Italian's unorthodox, mauling style.—United Press.

UNITED BEATEN

London, Mar. 31.

Aston Villa beat Manchester United by three goals to two in a League Division One football match at Villa Park, Birmingham today.—Reuter.

'Sugar Ray' Willing To Defend Title For $1,000,000

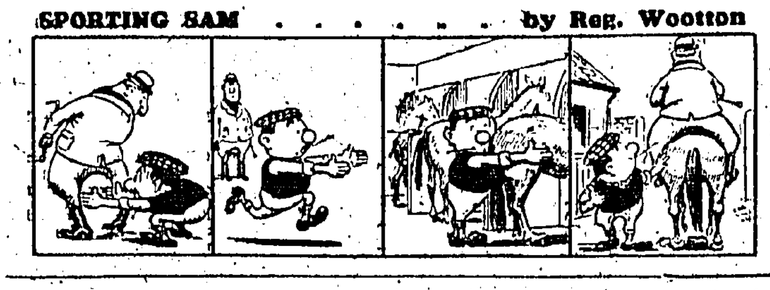
Ogden, Mar. 31.

Newly crowned World Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson is willing to defend his title against ex-champion Gene Fullmer in Utah for "just" US$1,000,000, George Gainford, Robinson's manager, said today.

Gainford was replying to a Utah matchmaker who proposed a Robinson-Fullmer fight in Salt Lake City in July with a guarantee of US$100,000 and part of radio and television royalties for Robinson. Fullmer is a local boy.

Gainford replied that the date and site were acceptable, but he said, "Just add another zero to the guarantee."—France-Presse.

SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg. Wootton



TERRY DOWNES WILL SOON BE A LEADING CONTENDER FOR McATEER'S TITLE

Says ARCHIE QUICK

London.

When a man can drag himself up off the floor by instinct after two brain-numbing knocks-down that is the sign of a true fighting champion. Terry Downes, the Paddington middleweight, is generally on the giving end of such punches, but against Tunisian Salah Ben Farhat at Leyton Baths, London, he was twice on the receiving end of such assaults, and he proved himself by coming back and knocking out the North African in the fifth round.

Downes, who learned his exacting trade in the amateur ranks with the American Marines and did so well that he became their champion, has always shown himself to be a non-stop slinger of punches, a fighter who downs his opponents at the first possible moment with his tremendously heavy punching. This time he had to take some of his own medicine, and came out of the ordeal with colours flying.

Terry is learning fast. He is boxing while still retaining his punching power, and it should not be long now before he becomes leading contender for Pat McAteer's British title. Downes went down in the second round for eight and again in the fourth for the same count to reveal that his defence is wide open to swinging rights. But he also showed he has great courage. Ally that to his heavy punching and his potential skill and here is a boxer capable of scaling the heights.

Things are not going so well for Ron Redrup, the West Ham cruiserweight who was in England's Olympic Games team at Melbourne. He was knocked down twice by Australian Neville Rowe, and, like Downes, he got up each time, but he was exceedingly fortunate to get a draw.

New Soccer Ideas

No club has been more enterprising than Manchester City in attempting to introduce new ideas into soccer. We all know about the "Revie Plan" followed by the "Johnstone Plan". They were and are deep-lying centre-forward tactics aimed at drawing the opposing centre halves out of position and providing great space down the middle in which the inside forwards could work.

The master strategist was manager Leslie McDowall. Out from him went the order "I want more goals, even if it means sacrificing something in defence. Football must be made brighter for the spectators want more goals." And Manchester City caught a series of tartars. Seven goals and the like came more than once, City were humiliated. But they persisted, and what do we find today. They are fourth in the table—above Manchester United as I forecast they would be before the Munich disaster.

Mr McDowall has every right to make this criticism, not of his players but of the people on the terraces: "Of the dozens of letters I have received recently almost all of them complain 'What is wrong with City's defence?' Only one writer was content that he was seeing plenty of goals for his money and was not expecially concerned how many were conceded so long as they were at least breaking even on balance".

Finally, Leslie points out that four forwards are always up-field, with two wing halves in support. That generally overwhelms the other defence, but it weakens City's own rear-guard. "You cannot have it both ways", he says, "any more than you can say that the perfect team exists." So think that over, you critics.

Notable Absence

"I am more patient than the public," said Arsenal's manager Jack Crayston when we talked about the Highbury club's notable absence from the transfer market. What he meant was that, with no possibility of winning the First Division Championship or being relegated, he was content to experiment with the youngsters at his disposal.

"There is a long-term policy here," said Jack, and he pinpointed Johnny Petts, currently a private doing his National Service in the RAOC, to prove his point. "Before Christmas when the red light shone," he said, "I made enquiries about Cliff Jones and Ronnie Clayton. In the end, at an auction, Spurs got Jones for £35,000. A good player, Jones, but I am prepared to wager that one of the two outside lefts I am nursing will be better value at £10 each."

Crayston, so gentlemanly and retiring that he does not move upstairs into the plush oak-lined manager's office previously occupied by the fabulous Herby Chapman and George Allison, contents himself with sitting in a small room next to where they stud the boots, studiously and conscientiously working out his plans for the betterment of the club he has always served so loyally. Jack knows football inside out as befits a gifted International, but it is just not in his nature to be ostentatious.

Got Nowhere

Crayston admitted that the absence of star names was most un-Arsenal-like, but he emphasised that the indiscriminate buying of stars had got clubs like Sunderland nowhere. "The most successful clubs these days are the ones that cultivate their own talent," he said. "Look at Wolves, Manchester United and Chelsea. I want to travel the same road unless we are forced completely up against a wall."

One revealing facet of the FA Cup semi-final replay between Fulham and Manchester United on Arsenal's ground was that Mr Crayston had to spend £100 buying stand tickets for his playing staff of nearly fifty. This was an FA promotion, and Arsenal's League players were just some other members of the public.

There is just a possibility that Bill Dodgin, currently deposed from the senior scenes half spot by another former Army player, Jim Fotheringham, may move to Luton to take over from Syd Owen. Despite all the rumours to the contrary Dodgin told me that his family is happy in the new post with Sampdoria FC, the Genoese club.

PHARSTELLA NOT CERTAIN FOR EPSOM

Says PETER SCOTT

Three-year-old fillies Apollonia and Arbencia were the stars of M. Marcel Boussac's stable in 1956 and 1957. I am confident that they will have a worthy successor of the same age and sex this season in Pharstella.

There is surely no lovelier filly in Chantilly than this elegant brown daughter of the great Pharis II. She combines excellent conformation with an equable temperament and has wintered to the complete satisfaction of her experienced trainer, Charlie Elliott.

The second of her two races last season, when she was a strong-finishing fourth after a slow start in the Grand Criterium, showed her up to classic standard and she is well forward in condition.

Yet I would not advise anybody to take a price about Pharstella for this year's Oaks—at present she is third favourite at 100-6 in the ante-post lists. M. Boussac has shown a preference over the past few seasons for keeping his best three-year-old colt and filly for the French Derby and Oaks at Chantilly.

The owner has plenty of time to make his final plans for Pharstella but, at present, the odds are on her running at Chantilly rather than Epsom.

Possible Deputy

A possible deputy for her in some of the big English summer stakes could be a fine big chestnut, DIMANOVA, by the 1950 Derby winner, Galcador. Dimanova has not yet raced but her home performances suggest that she has inherited some of the ability of her dam, Damska, who was defeated only once in her first two seasons and developed into a fine stayer.

If Dimanova does not reach her best in time for Royal Ascot, watch for her in autumn events like the Park Hill Stakes and Newmarket Oaks.

Charlie Elliott never hurries his two-year-olds, and his patience last season with a fine, big bay colt by Pharis II named Paradas could be richly rewarded. Paradas, like Dimanova, has yet to race, but his name might be familiar by the autumn.

Most Likely

A handsome bay, Arsar, is the Boussac colt most likely at the moment to come over for the Derby. In his few races last autumn Arsar showed stamina and high promise. One warning—like most of Arbar's progeny, he does not like heavy going, and this helped his defeat in the important Prix Saint-Roman at Longchamps in October. Arsar looks the sort to do well at Epsom.

Edwy, a brown full-brother to Irish Oaks and Cheveley Park Stakes winner Corejada, is well forward, and should carry the orange and grey silks prominently in one or two of the early French classic trials.

Macip, now six years old, again bids for Europe's chief long-distance races. His targets are the £10,000 French Gold Cup at Longchamps on May 11, followed by the Ascot Gold Cup, which he won in 1956. This gallant little chestnut will give the younger horses a fight.

Four-year-old Argal II, who ran in last year's St Leger, is not a good traveller, so he is to stay in France for races in which he could claim most of the allowances.

Two younger half-brothers to Argal II are in training, Arbas, the two-year-old, might be seen in England this autumn but the pick of the young colts is Pharstella's full-brother, Farlam.

Highly Rated

A darker brown than his sister, Farlam will not be racing until midsummer. He is a Middle Park Stakes entry.

Among the fillies, Corejada's full-sister Floriana is highly rated though she will not be at her best until next year.

Of the other two-year-olds Aquadilla (a daughter of Arbar and that fast filly Farco), Thaf (full-brother to the brilliant Dimanova) and the slower-maturing Sirian look the pick. Aquadilla has shed one outstanding player in Edwy.

Sirian could be another.

—(London Express Service).

TENNIS

Barry Mackay Beaten In First Round

Monte Carlo, Mar. 31.

American Davis Cup player Barry Mackay was upset today 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 by little-known Australian Paul Hearden in a first-round match of the International Tennis Tournament here.

The elimination of fourth-seeded Mackay was in line with tradition. The Monte Carlo Tournament, the first station on the European tennis circuit, has always featured sensational upsets of seeded players who haven't found their form.—United Press.

TABLE TENNIS

Palestrina, Mar. 31.

England beat France by six matches to three in an international table tennis match here tonight.—Reuter.

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PAKISTAN'S FIRST VICTORY

West Indies Lose By An Innings And One Run In Final Test Match

Port of Spain, Mar. 31.

Pakistan beat the West Indies by an innings and one run today in the fifth and final Test match of their tour.

It was Pakistan's first win in the five-match series, in which the West Indies won three matches and one was drawn.

Today's match ended before lunch, and with one day to spare.

The West Indies, 75 runs behind with five wickets standing when play began today, were all out for 227, just one run short of making Pakistan bat again.

The West Indies batsmen had difficulty today in playing the Pakistan spinners, who were helped by the pitch in getting a strong turn on the ball.

Nasimul Ghani, who is only 16, added three wickets today to the three he took on Saturday and finished with six for 67—his best return of the series.

Only Claude Walcott and Eric Atkinson batted with resolution. Walcott, making his farewell to Test cricket, scored a bright 62, hitting seven fours in his fifty, which he reached in 81 minutes. He and Atkinson (19) put on 57 for the seventh wicket.

The match ended Pakistan's tour of the West Indies. The team leave in the second week of April for visits to Bermuda, the United States and Canada, where they have playing engagements.

The Scoreboard

PAKISTAN
1st Innings—496

WEST INDIES
1st Innings—268

2nd Innings

C. Hunte, c Fazal Mahmood, b Nasimul Ghani	45
R. Kanhai, b Haseeb Ahsan	63
G. Sobers, b Nasimul Ghani	27
E. Weekes, b Haseeb Ahsan	9
C. Walcott, c Wazir Mohammad, b Ghani	62
O. G. Smith, st. Imtiaz Ahmad, b Nasimul Ghani	0
F. Alexander, b Ghani	1
D. Atkinson, b Fazal Mohammad	19
L. Gibbs, c Mathias, b Fazal Mahmood	2
J. Taylor, st. Ahmad b Ghani	0
R. Gilchrist, not out	2
Extras	17
Total (all out)	227

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Fazal Mahmood	9	1	35	2
Khab Mohammad	2	0	19	0
Nasimul Ghani	30.5	9	67	6
Haseeb Ahsan	24	3	89	2

—Reuter.

Hole In One By Nakamura At Practice

Augusta, Mar. 31.

Torakichi Nakamura of Japan had a hole in one today while practising for the Masters' Golf Tournament which starts here on Thursday.

It came on the 170-yard fourth hole and was the first made at that green. "Just a lucky shot," said Nakamura. "The wind was with me." He had used a number three wood club.

Nakamura made the hole in one during a nine-hole practice after an early full round in which he had a three-under-par 69. His fellow Japanese partner Koichi Ono had a 72.

The sun came out today after two days of rain.

Nakamura said after his first full round that the greens were wonderful—"no long putts but some good short ones." He sank an eight-foot putt on the 13th and, on later holes, sank in order putts of 12, 15 and ten feet.

Nakamura said modestly that he would be happy to qualify for the last two rounds of the tournament. After the first 36 holes the field will be reduced to 40 players.

Veteran American golfer Sam Snead, who had a five-under-par 67 in practice today, forecast that Ken Venturi of California would win the tournment.

Snead, who has won the Masters three times, said, "I've been having trouble with my irons for about five weeks. I can't get the ball close enough to the hole and I can't buy a putt for love or money."—Reuter.

"Segrave Trophy" Awarded To Stirling Moss

London, Mar. 31.

Britain's top racing driver Stirling Moss today was awarded the 1957 "Segrave Trophy" which annually rewards the Briton who accomplishes the most remarkable performance in land, sea or air transport.

Moss received the trophy at the headquarters of the Royal Automobile Club.—France-Presse.

Hashim Khan Wins British Open Squash Title

London, Mar. 31.

Pakistan's 43-year-old Hashim Khan won the British Open Squash Rackets title from his younger brother Azam 9-7, 6-9 and 9-7 in the final at the Lansdowne Club in London tonight.

Although conceding 11 years, Hashim, runner-up last year, outpaced his brother at times and was generally the better tactician.

Azam, who has been beaten as finalist twice, made his remarkable brother fight every inch of the way and saved six match points before losing the fourth game and the match at 9-7.—France-Presse.

Hogan Bassey To Hang Up Gloves Shortly?

London, Mar. 31.

World Featherweight Boxing Champion Hogan "Kid" Bassey of Nigeria says he will hang up the gloves shortly, as soon as he saves enough money to buy a small business, the Evening News reported today.

Bassey, who defends his title tomorrow in California against Mexico's Ricardo Moreno, said he was hurt at the sight of what is happening to his "idol", newly recrowned World Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson.

Robinson is continually urged to fight even though fighting is becoming increasingly hard for him, Bassey reportedly said.

Bassey said he would never stand for that sort of treatment.—France-Presse.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Cricket.

Minor Units Knock-Out Final: HQ Coy Green Howards v District Wksp REME, Sookunpoo 11.30 a.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer

Governor's Cup: Combined Chinese v HKFA, HK Stadium, 8 p.m.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

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To the Editor, China Mail,

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ASIAN GAMES

P. I. ATHLETES HOPE TO SURPASS OTHER TEAMS IN AT LEAST FIVE EVENTS

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

The Philippines will surpass other teams in at least five events in the forthcoming Asian Olympics, carrying off either gold, silver or bronze medals, sports circles predicted here today.

The Philippines is expected to send a 170-man delegation, the second largest after Japan, to take part in 10 events.

The five events mentioned are basketball, tennis, rifle shooting, boxing and women's short-distance swimming.

An official of the Organising Committee for the Asian Games said that the Philippines maintains uncontested superiority in basketball.

Basketball experts believed that the Philippines basketball team will be made up principally of members of the powerful YGO team and that they will "lick" the Japanese competion.

Lisaga, Henato, Lim, Torentino, Marquicias, Villamor and Badion, all of whom participated in the Melbourne Olympics, are likely to be included in the team, they said.

In tennis, they said, in the absence of veteran Davis Cup player Atsushi Miyagi, Kosei Kamo will c the only player to cope with Philippines' veteran Deyro, infallible Ampon, and up-and-coming Jose and Dongo brothers.

Bitter Competition

In the forthcoming matches, they predicted, there will be bitter competition between Deyro, Ampon, and Kamo.

In rifle shooting, they said, the Philippine team is destined to dominate—especially in three positions of small-bore rifle in which they enjoy international reputation.

In boxing, experts here noted inclusion in the team of C. Espinosa (lightweight) and flyweight J. Bonus both of whom took part in the Melbourne Olympics, and predicted that they will, along with other participants, achieve results "not inferior to those achieved at the Manila Asian Games."

In women's swimming, Filipino mermaids are likely to win short-distance, free style and backstroke with H. Coloso and G. Lozada, likely candidates to carry off top prizes, since excellent Japanese women swimmers are non-existent at present.

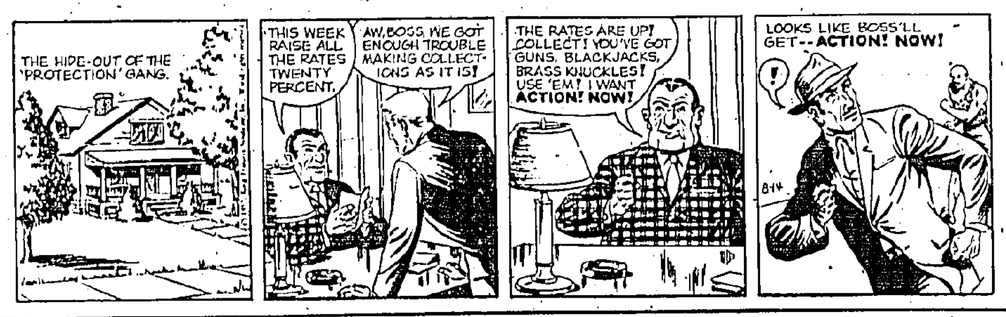
More than 22 countries are expected to send an estimated 1,500 athletes to compete in the forthcoming Asian Games.

These are Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Ceylon, North Borneo, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Hongkong, Singapore, Iran, Israel, Nepal, Thailand, and Indonesia.

Japan is taking part in all 15 events, while the Philippines is down for 10 events.

Pakistan, Singapore, India, South Korea, Taiwan and Malaya are countries taking part in more than 10 events.—France-Presse.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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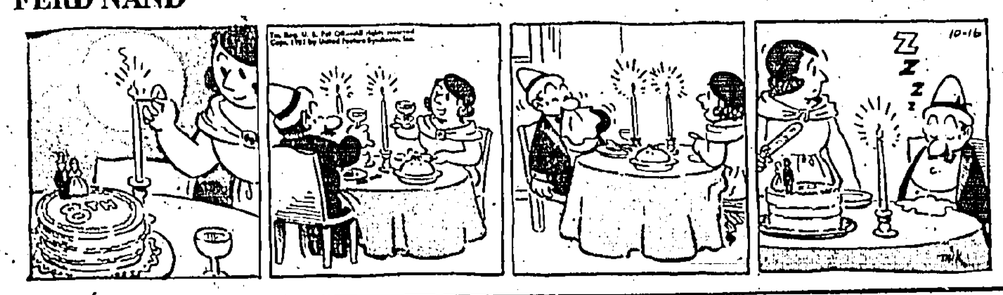

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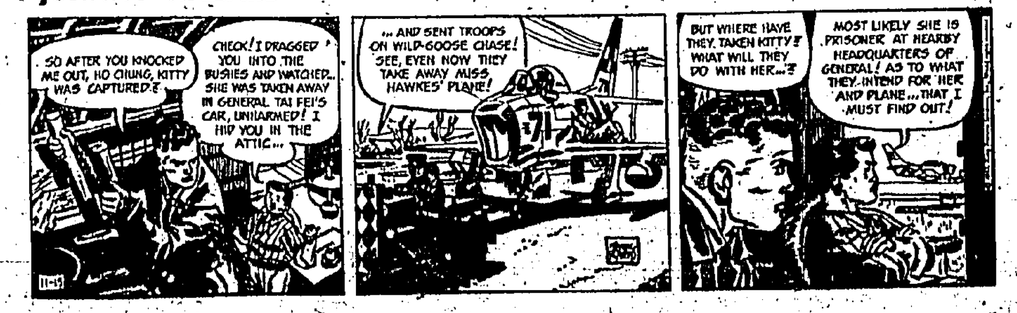

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Hong Kong, 1st April, 1958.

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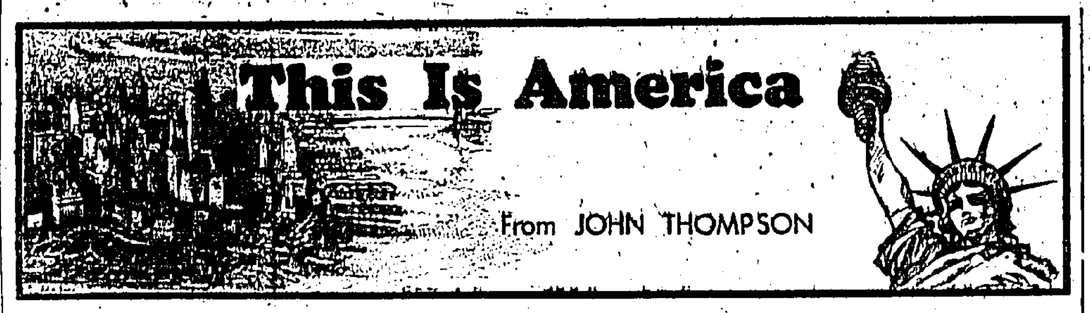

New York (By Airmail)

UNLIMITED spoofing (burlesquing) on television is forbidden under a court ruling made against comedian Jack Benny. And the ruling is interpreted as a serious blow to the ancient art of parody.

It is as if Jimmy Edwards or the Goons were not allowed to make fun of a film on a radio or TV programme.

Jack Benny is now prevented from using a filmed TV playlet called "Autolight"—a take-off on the Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman film "Gaslight."

The film itself was a screen version of the play with the same name by British author Patrick Hamilton—a sinister story laid in Victorian London.

The new ruling is taken to mean that substantial quotes must not be lifted from a copyrighted work when it is spoofed—unless the copyright holder permits it.

The case hinged on whether such quotes could be used in a take-off like Jack Benny's "Autolight." His lawyer argued that the doctrine of "fair use" came into play with a parody like this, which he compared to literary criticism.

But nine "wise men" of the US Supreme Court sat through a film of "Autolight" and decided that this spoof of the film of the play could not be allowed.

WITH spring come the flowers—fake ones. This year's star exhibit: an artificial rose that keeps its scent for two years.

IN a spectacular sortie to the boxing ring at Madison Square Garden, New York's District Attorney served summonses on some dozen prominent boxing figures.

They were handed out after a technical knock-out in the sixth round of a nationally televised welterweight bout.

The District Attorney's men appeared at Madison Square Garden with the papers.

For eight weeks there has been a secret probe into the power of the underworld over professional boxing, it was disclosed last week.

Before the summonses were delivered, telephones were tapped in the Madison Square lobby. The investigators listened in on conversations about the shifting odds on the fight.

The loser, Isaac Logart, was a 7—5 favourite right up until zigtime. Then the odds suddenly lengthened to 2-1.

Chief aim of the probe is to study the shifting of odds in professional fights. Also to analyse the alleged influence of underworld figures on the boxing game, and to report on the activities of mobsters in managing boxers and promoting fights.

HEADACHE bands, fashionable in the 1920's, are back in vogue. One jeweller offers a black velvet ribbon, worn further back on the head than in the flapper days, studded, from ear to ear with diamonds. Price: $175,000 (£62,500).

FOR rock 'n' roll idol Elvis Presley the latest music has been the clip 'n' clop of the barber's scissors.

Lounging at his Memphis home before joining the army last Monday week, he had been cut for a close hair cut.

At Fort Chaffee, where Presley goes, the army are on the ready for a real public relations job on his enlistment.

Getting into combat boots and out of his blue suede will take Presley all of three days. The army has laid on extra telephones, electric plugs for TV cameras and dark rooms for photographers, so that the US can hear the latest news of the Most Important Recruit.

DO-IT-YOURSELF drunkometer tests are now available for drivers. Police issue wallet-sized cards with easy-to-do calculations on whether the user is too tipsy to drive. In scale with your weight, you put down the drinks you have had, when you had them and the drunkometer tells you the alcohol content of your blood.

HANDSOME, 34-year-old plumber Michael Cannella was landed in gaol because he prefers blondes—three of them at the same time.

The 100-dollar-a-week (£35 14s.) sink repair man married them one, two, three without bothering with such formalities as divorce.

He is being held on bail of $10,000 (£3,570) accused of bigamy and non-support.

SPINE-CHILLING new toy is a knife that oozes a red liquid when the user squeezes a bulb in the handle. Idea is to release the liquid when the knife point touches a playmate. Says the inventor: "The user of the toy will derive additional pleasure from the realistic effect of the bleeding."

PROPERTY deals involving New York City officials go under the microscope of a public inquiry. Announcing this probe into the city's Bureau of Real Estate, Mayor Wagner said: "As soon as we have evidence of wrong-doing we will move right in."

Already the mayor's office has completed first inquiries into accusations that some private property firms have been charging the city "excessive fees."

Estate agents are also under the spotlight — suspected of "illegally converting" city funds in managing property for the city.

Reports on two firms have gone to the District Attorney's office for scrutiny. Books of 12 others will now have an extra audit by the mayor's finance experts.

New York State's Attorney-General Lefkowitz has accused one firm of embezzling $5,000,000 (£1,780,000) of investors' money.

The firm, started six years ago by two former city officials, is known to have collected $2,000,000 (£714,000) on contracts for finding new accommodation for tenants of condemned buildings.

The director of the Bureau of Real Estate has resigned and a deputy for him was sworn in last week by Mayor Wagner.

The bureau's chief accountant has resigned too. He has been arrested on a charge of grand larceny — and his $16,000 (£5,700) house on Long Island is being held as a surety.

YOU can have a telephone in your car but you are not allowed to talk on it while driving. That was a court verdict in New York—where radio cabs are not allowed.

CO-EDS at a Utah university have set themselves a problem that most American housewives would not dare to face—eating on 50 cents (3s. 7d.) a day.

Idea is that every girl should know how to avoid starvation on a tight budget.

In turns, two of the Utah girls move to a separate apartment set up by the university. One girl is "husband" or "host" and the other is "wife" or "planner."

Sample evening meal: beef stew, dumplings, salad, a slice of bacon; and a razor-thin egg slice, milk and apricot dessert.

FOR anyone who can work out the meaning of a 212-word sentence in the latest US income tax instructions, Senator Watkins from Utah is offering a prize—a special copy of "Simplified English."

NOW is brewing between third degree TV interviewer Mike Wallace and 48-year-old Lillian Roth, star of pre-war musicals like "Honey" and autobiographical author of a fight against alcoholism in the book "I'll Cry Tomorrow."

She was invited to appear on the Wallace show and then, says her publisher, asked to a rehearsal before "the so-called unrehearsed show." He "gathered from the sensation-seeking type of questions that the show would turn into a Randolph Churchill-type circus."

Now Wallace, off to Egypt to film an interview with Nasser, says the Lillian Roth interview has been "postponed"

MISS E. Queenie Calvert, of Leeds, wrote to the Houston Chamber of Commerce, Texas, last week accepting after 34 years an invitation to visit the city. She was unable to go in 1924, when her father was secretary of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce. She arrives next Thursday.

A NEW medical method of diagnosing illnesses is hailed as potentially a medical "breakthrough."

Dr Winston Price, of Baltimore, has developed a simple method of blood-testing that suggests each separate disease has a characteristic pattern in the blood plasma particles.

NANCY Lady Astor told before she sailed for England that her son William had provided material for a biography of her, was indignant. "I brought my sons up properly," she said. "I don't believe they'd sell their mother without first telling me."

A BAG snatched from a shopkeeper in New York last week flew open as the hold-up man fled.

Police followed a paper-chase trail of $1,309 (£460) in notes. At the end of it, hiding in a hotel, they found 21-year-old Sylvester Copelulid.

TWO big San Francisco stores where business was poor started opening on Thursday evenings as well as the usual Monday evenings. Sales have recovered so well that rival firms are copying them.

JUDY GARLAND sang her heart out one night last week, making her New York comeback. Neither sleet nor snow nor the flooded roads could keep away 1,200 night-club fans.

They made the hour's drive from Manhattan to see and hear her in a restaurant in Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn.

Judy is being paid a whopping $20,000 (£7,140) a week. But many at her first night reception felt it was not enough.

ON SALE—a copy of the Queen's nightgown, said to be an exact reproduction: it is in blue and white satin.

POODLE-TOWN "finishing school" in New York introduced a new trench coat for poodles this week, called Foreign Intrigue.

To counter the publicity arising therefrom, the Fabulous Felines Centre put out a list of pedigree cats named after leading fashion models. Actress-model Suzy Parker has a red Persian named after her.

FULL-PAGE advertisement in the Milwaukee Sentinel is printed on aluminium foil—in seven colours.

DOWN in the Lone Star State of Texas, 59-year-old Irene Cliett declares: "I'll secede from the Union"—and she has asked UNO to recognise her as a separate nation.

Why? Because the Federal Court has ruled that her 350 acres really belong to someone else.

She has pitched a tent on the land, moved in pots and pans for a long siege, and waves a shotgun at anyone from "the law" who approaches.

WHISTLING lollipops are now available on New York candy counters. The whistle is in the middle of the sweet. As you suck you gradually eat the whole thing, whistle and lollipop and all.

BUTTONS marked "We Are Happy" were issued to employees by an Atlanta, Georgia, firm.

This, rules the National Labour Relations Board, was part of the firm's illegal anti-union policy. The board recommends that the firm be ordered to rehire 12 employees.

They were still wearing the we-are-happy buttons when they were sacked.

A MACHINE to turn out 5,000,000 toothpicks an hour has been invented by a Wisconsin man.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Cattle Empire." Joel McCrea in a Western.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "It Happened In Rome." A colourful carnival of fun.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Until They Sail." Jean Simmons, Joan Fontaine, Paul Newman and Piper Laurie in a drama.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Valerie." Anita Ekberg and Sterling Hayden in a drama.

ALHAMBRA: "Scarlet Doll." A Chinese picture.

LEE & ASTOR: Cantonese Operas.

ORIENTAL: "Lucky Jim." Ian Carmichael in another comedy.

MAJESTIC: "Desert Rats." Richard Burton and James Mason.

CAPITOL: "Four Boys And A Gun." Hooligans on the rampage.

RITZ: "Loving You." Elvis Presley in another musical.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m., Not for Sharing; 6, Time Signal, I Heard Europe Singing, Italy and Spain (BBCTS); 6.15, Andre Kostelanetz and his Orchestra; 6.45, There's Something in the Air (BBCTS); 7.15, "Starlight"; 7.30, Music in Miniature (BBCTS); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal, The News; 8.10, Commentary; 8.15, My Word. A new panel game introduced by John Ariqit (BBCTS); 8.45, Britain's Economic Outlook. A talk by Sir Frank Lee K.C.B. Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade; 9, Time Signal, Motoring Magazine produced by Ted Thomas; 9.30, "Fanny" (Harold Rome). Excerpts sung by the Principals and chorus of the Broadway Production Orchestra cond. by Lehman Engel; 9.56, Weather Report; 10, Time Signal, News and Home News from Britain; 10.15, "Night Cap" presented by Ted Thomas; 10.55, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel; 11.15, And, so to bed; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m., Musical Matinee; 3.30, Partners In Song—Art and Doris Todd; 4, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Variety Yours; 5, Children's Corner—Presented by Auntie Ray; 5.20, Progressive Jazz—Presented by Ray Cordeiro; 6, Sidney Torch and his Orchestra; 6.28, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Band Call; 7, Personality Parade—Jean Sablon; 7.15, Evening Serenade; 7.30, Music by Mantovani; 7.45, Story Of Jane Armitage; 8, Time Signal, and the News; 8.09, Weather Forecast, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Violin Recital by Henry Kessler; 8.30, On The Other Side—Presented by Nick Kendall; 9, Squad Room; 9.30, The Enchanted Hour; 10, Music Hall Varieties; 10.30, Moods In Music; 11, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude To Midnight; 12 Midnight, God Save The Queen; Close Down.

TELEVISION

3 p.m., Children's Hour—Cartoons; 5.15, Children's Film; 6.30, Circus Boy in "Knife Thrower"; 6, Close Down. 7.30, Concert Miniature; 8.00, Newsreel; 8, Concert Hall; 8.30 Lilli Palmer; 9.45, Calling Card (Chinese) Presented by Peter Pan; 9, Evening Feature—"Small Back Room"; starring Kathleen Byron, David Farrer, Jack Hawkins and Leslie Banks; 10.45, Late Night Final; Close Down.

AUSTRALIA'S FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE IS BEING EXPANDED

By NEIL MUNRO

Melbourne, Mar. 31.

AUSTRALIA'S flying doctor service is being expanded to bring citizens in even the most isolated areas of Australia within quick reach of doctors and hospitals.

Many of the bases, which for years have helped the pioneers of the country's great open spaces, are being modernised, and new bases are being established.

Modern aircraft are being used to answer the emergency calls received each day by the service, often from places thousands of miles apart.

Two Centres

One flying base depot is at Cairns, in northern Queensland. Another is at Carnarvon, in northwest Western Australia. The distance between these two centres is greater than that from London to Istanbul. Derby, the most recent base established, has helped to reduce the distances travelled to calls from other bases in Western Australia, and more are being planned to augment those already serving outback areas of South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The flying doctor service has continued to develop ever since it was established in 1928 by a missionary, the late Dr John Flynn, known as "Flynn of the Inland."

From a single base and a single aircraft at Cloncurry, in Queensland, in 1928, the service has now grown to 12 bases linked up with hospitals, missions and travelling chaplains.

Dr Flynn conceived the idea of an aerial medical service before World War I, when the flying was still in its infancy. After that war, with the development of aircraft, the idea came into the realm of possibility.

Appointed chaplain to a central Australian Presbyterian mission in 1911, Dr Flynn travelled thousands of miles on camel, horseback and foot to cover his territory. A report which he made a year later led to the establishment of nomadic chaplains and later also of bush nursing hospitals.

Next Step

The flying doctor service was the next step. Hailed by the outback people, it soon expanded beyond the resources of the Church.

Today, helped by the Federal Government, it is controlled by a committee representative of medical and pastoral interests.

Modernisation for the improved efficiency of the service is a constant aim.

The recent purchase of two new aircraft for use in Western Australia almost completes the change-over from the old Dragon flying ambulances. Triple-engined Drovers and twin-engined Doves are also being used to provide better, quicker access to small airfields carved out of the bush by the householders whom they serve.

Wireless communications, without which the service could not operate, have also surged ahead. Gone from most homes today is the pedal wireless, designed in Australia, to send out appeals for help.

Motor-driven generators now supply long range "transceiver" sets which can reach help in any conditions. A "neighbour," possibly two or three hundred miles away, is more than ready to relay a call round a storm which may block direct contact with the nearest base.

Typical of the doctors who man the service, is Dr Jerry Meehan, whose practice covers 330,000 square miles of jungle and swamp, sand and desert—from the dry parched leagues of South Queensland to the monsoon country on the Gulf of Carpentaria and the edge of the Coral Sea.

Diagnosing

It stretches from the tip of Cape York Peninsula to the South Australian border, about 1,000 miles.

When he is not out flying on calls, Dr Meehan spends much of his time at the wireless, diagnosing minor ailments from radioed descriptions and advising on treatment.

Each home on the flying doctor radio circuit is provided with a standard medicine chest. All the contents are numbered, and by using these numbers, the doctor can prescribe with accuracy and safety.

During an ordinary morning, Dr Meehan may diagnose a case of measles or tonsilitis, or check up on the condition of a baby whom he flew 300 miles to deliver a few days previously.

The flying doctors depend a great deal on their pilots, men who can find a tiny home in the middle of treeless wastes of land and can manoeuvre their aircraft in and out of the tiny airstrips.

The doctors have to cope with more than just sickness when flying on their rounds. There are summer temperatures of well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, sudden downpours of rain during the monsoon season and mechanical troubles arising from engines operating under extreme conditions.

Many of their trips are packed with drama. Critically ill patients have to be snatched out of the bush in extreme flying conditions to be given a chance to live by prompt hospital treatment.

Mercy Trips

The pilots who fly these mercy trips are always willing to take a risk to save a patient, but occasionally the chance is not successful. One aircraft carrying a doctor and sick baby to Derby, in Western Australia, crashed recently in a storm, and all were killed.

Routine medical flights are made from the bases at regular intervals. Recognised landing points are used on these trips, and the flying doctor can be consulted by the outback folk who gather there.

Doctors and aircraft of the service are not all employed full-time.

The flying doctor, in many cases, is a medical practitioner in the base town, and answers his country calls when needed. Aircraft and pilots, too, are often hired from local airline operators who keep an aircraft ready. The first flying doctor aircraft was leased from Qantas Empire Airways when it was still the tiny Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service.

In spite of Federal and State government subsidies, the flying doctor service leans heavily on grants, gifts and bequests to meet annual costs, which in 1957 totalled £A170,000 (£136,000 sterling).

But costs do not deter the flying doctors.

They are always ready, night and day, to answer mercy calls.

They know that throughout Australia the Royal Flying Doctor Service has energetic committees working to finance their work, the primary object of which is to bring help and security to pioneers in the lonely outback.—China Mail Special.

96-YEAR-OLD DREAM COMING TRUE

Auckland, Mar. 31.

Spectacular progress is now being made with building the 3,348 feet long Auckland harbour toll bridge, the biggest bridging undertaking in the British Commonwealth since World War II.

The steel framework now stretches out 980 feet from the southern (city) anchorage and 340 feet from the northern (North Shore) anchorage.

Four of the six underwater piers have been completed, the fifth is being sunk into the harbour bed and preliminary work on the sixth is well advanced.

Lengthy Delays

The £3,465,000 project suffered lengthy delays through strikes in England, where the steel was prefabricated, and through bad weather and labour troubles on the site. This set back the original completion date from July this year to May 1959.

Special measures to speed up construction were taken in August last year when it was officially announced that without them opening of the bridge to traffic would be 23 months behind schedule.

A night shift was put on to hasten construction of the piers, new rates of pay were granted to workers, and extra equipment, including another floating unit for sinking the piers, was provided.

Since then, management-labour relations have improved greatly and the new spirit on the job has been reflected in a marked speed-up and an almost complete absence of disputes.

The Caisson

The caisson of pier five tilted dangerously while being sunk and was only righted after weeks of effort. But this is now in its correct position 80 feet below mean water level with the bridge steelwork resting on it.

The bridge will have four traffic lanes, each 10 feet 6 inches wide. Pedestrians and cyclists will be banned and traffic will move at 40 miles an hour—ten miles an hour faster than the city speed limit.

The largest ships will be able to sail under the main span of the cantilevered, earthquake-resistant 5,900-ton bridge. Clearance at high water will be 142 feet and at low water 150 feet.

Work on approach roads costing nearly £2,500,000 is well ahead of schedule.

Auckland's bridge is being built as a local undertaking but with the New Zealand Government standing guarantor for the £6,000,000 investment.

The bridge contractors, who will be under penalty of £250 for every week of delay after December 31 this year, hope to hand it over complete to the Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority before the new target date of May next year, though it is recognised that bad weather could quickly wreck these hopes.

Half of the steelwork should be in position by the end of the present summer. Meanwhile, hundreds of Aucklanders gather daily to watch progress on the bridge which represents the realisation of a 96-year-old dream.—China Mail Special.

MAIL Notices

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TUESDAY, APRIL 1
By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
By Air
Pakistan, 6 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, 10 a.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, Noon.
Indo-China, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Rabaul, 2 p.m.
Sarawak, North Borneo, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
By Air
Laos, 6 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kuming, Hollow, 8.30 a.m.
Thailand, 9 a.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, 1 p.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, Rabaul, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Second 'Big Depression' Impossible?

DON'T RISK YOUR SHIRT ON IT, SAY THE EXPERTS

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Mar. 30.

Ever since Lord Keynes explained the mechanism of boom and slump and showed us how to avoid either extreme, economists have encouraged the belief that a depression on the scale of the early Thirties could never happen again. Before it is over the American recession might give us good reason to question this complacent assumption.

Briefly, Keynes showed that the peaks and troughs of the trade cycle are caused through shifts in the relationships between investment and savings. If a nation invests more than it saves, it courts inflation. Conversely if it saves more than it invests, it invites deflation.

It is all a matter of how much consumption we are prepared to forgo here and now in order to build up a stock of wealth for the future.

The yardstick is the total output of labour. If a nation tries to take more out of its economy than it puts in, it is in trouble of one sort—as we, in Britain, well know. If, on the other hand, it decided not to consume all it produces, it is in trouble of a different kind—the kind that America is in now.

It is a short step from this theory to practical policy. The government, acting through the budget and other economic weapons at its disposal, aims at achieving a balance between savings and investment. It can take away or give us back our money according to the requirements of the situation. And it can speed up or slow down the rate of investment.

SPEED-UP

The American government is trying to halt the recession by speeding up investment. If this fails it will cut taxes. But it does not appear to have any great confidence in either of these measures.

Keynesian methods are all very well in theory, but someone has to decide when they are to be used and to what extent. And this presupposes powers of prediction that no one has.

Keynesian methods have been practised in British budgets since the war, and they have not stopped inflation. This does not mean that they do not work, but simply that their application has been based on guesswork which has usually proved wide of the mark.

At the moment, the British Government is still relying on three Keynesian methods to beat inflation. Money is being kept both scarce and dear through a high bank rate, and the operation of a credit squeeze. Investment is being further damped down by instructions to the nationalised industries and by a system of vetting private plans for raising public loans. And high taxation is mopping up what some backroom pundits in Whitehall consider to be excess spending power.

BUT STILL....

But still we have inflation. Mr Cameron Cobbold, Governor of the Bank of England, has warned us against reading too much into last week's bank rate reduction. Inflation, he said, was still "lurking around."

And the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Heathcoat Amory went out of his way to "play down" the reduction. He referred to a suggestion in "The Economist" that a cut in the bank rate was not the best way to start a policy of relaxation, and went on: "As this is not what we are, in fact, doing, this criticism seems to be misjudged."

This reluctance to claim even a partial victory over inflation is all the stranger when it is remembered that the Government's future depends above all on its success in stopping the rise in the cost of living—and that Mr Heathcoat Amory was speaking at a vital by-election.

But if Keynesian methods are not beating inflation—and clearly it is on the retreat—what pulled the trick? The fact—and it is a comfortless one—is that events over which we have no control, have done the very thing we have tried and failed to do since the end of the war.

In short, Britain is reaping the benefit of the American recession. Falling commodity prices have changed their terms of trade dramatically in her favour. And the changing economic climate outside this country has not gone unnoticed by British trade unions, and for the moment this has reduced the upward pressure on British wage costs.

This, of course, is a purely temporary state of affairs. In economics, nothing stands still. If the American recession does not end soon, it is bound to effect British exports and the situation would have changed again—only this time for the worse.

Everything depends on what happens in America over the next few months. And the question is: If Keynesian methods proved only partially successful in dealing with inflation in Britain will they be any more effective in dealing with the American deflation?

We may never know. If this is, as many American economists said, an "inventory" recession, it will cure itself without the help of accelerated investment plans. In that case tax reductions might do definite harm by turning the scales too far in the direction of inflation. But if the recession is the beginning of something more serious, the situation might get out of control while the United States government is making up its mind on the next Keynesian move.

It couldn't happen again? Don't risk your shirt on it.—Express Service.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Mar. 31.

Stocks closed irregularly higher today following the government's encouraging announcement on the nation's 1957 income.

Gilt-edged securities carved out small gains. War Loan rose by £⅛ and Old Consols by £3/16.

Industrials were mostly fractionally higher led by British-American Tobacco which gained a shilling.

Oils were narrowly mixed in very quiet trading.

Japanese items were lower in an otherwise quiet and unchanged foreign bond market.

Dollar stocks were unchanged.—United Press.

New York Metal Futures

New York, Mar. 31.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	May	10.85b
	July	10.90b
Zinc	May	8.75b
	July	8.91b
Copper	May	33.75b
	July	33.66b
Tin	May	92.20b
	July	91.75b

—United Press.

Agreed Merchant Rates

Canadian $: Maximum Selling, 16⅞; Minimum Buying 17⅛ T.T., 17-9/16 O/D.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $323,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank	787.50	792.50	10 @ 790
INSURANCES			
Union	72		
SHIPPING			
Wheelock	5.90	6	3000 @ 5.95
			200 @ 5.95
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf		118	
Dock, XD	44.50		
Provident, (O) XD	10.80	11	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	16.20	16.40	5000 @ 16.30
			1000 @ 16.30
			1000 @ 16.30
HK Land	31.75	32.25	
Humphreys		14.50	
Realty	1.40	1.425	2000 @ 1.40
HONLEI			
Amalg.	1.25	1.275	1000 @ 1.25
Trust	1.175	1.25	
UTILITIES			
Tram	23.10	23.30	300 @ 23.10
			4000 @ 23.10
Star Ferry	113	117	
Yaumati, XD	91	92	
C. Light (O)	17.20	17.20	
Electric	20.20	20.50	
Telephone	25.80	26	1500 @ 25.90
			200 @ 25.90
			51 @ 25.90
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement		20.50	500 @ 20.50
Rope		14.50	
Amoy Can.	39.50		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	17	17.10	2000 @ 17
Watson, XD	10.80	10.90	4000 @ 10.80
Lane, Craw	15.20	16.50	500 @ 15.30
COTTONS			
Textiles		4.65	
Nanyang		9.70	
INVESTMENTS			
Yangtze		5.45	

New York Sugar Market

New York, Mar. 31.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to five points higher with sales of 413 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 191 contracts.

Cuban political tension and accumulated weekend covering brought a sharp opening rise, but profit-taking whittled part of the gain in later dealings.

In the raw market, Egypt postponed its tender for 65,000 tons of raws to April 8. Ceylon rescheduled a previous tender for 9,000 tons of raws to tomorrow.

Chile today was reported inquiring for 15,000 tons of raws for May/June shipment.

Contract No. 4 (world)

May: 3.51; July: 3.52; Sept: 3.52-53; Oct: 3.45; Mar: 3.42; May: 3.41; Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba): 3.50.

Open interest: 6,527 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

May: 5.69; July: 5.75; Sept: 5.80; Nov: 5.77; Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty): 5.65.

Open interest: 2,546 contracts.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Mar. 31.

Closing rates were:

Canada	1.02-21/32
England official	2.81-21/32
" 30-days	2.80⅝
" 90-days	2.79
New Zealand	2.80⅝
South Africa	2.82-1/16
Holland	.2040
Argentina	.0257

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Mar. 31.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.81-9/16-2.81⅜
Montreal	2.74⅝-2.74-7/16
Amsterdam	10.83½-10.83¾
Brussels	139.57½-139.60
Copenhagen	19.30½-19.30¾
Frankfurt	11.74½-11.74¾
Milan	1745-1745½
Paris	1181-1181½
Zurich	12.25¼-12.25½

Others unchanged.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	0.81
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.09
Australian notes (per £1)	12.88
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	11.30
Siam tical (per 100)	26.20
Singapore (Straits)	1.50

The New York Stock Market

By ROBERT G. SHORTAL

New York, Mar. 31.

Stocks slipped a bit today after having moved irregularly during most of the session.

Chemicals, rails, steels and metals stood out on the downside, while tobaccos met support as a group.

Market analysts said traders appeared to be marking time pending further developments on the economic front. The market took note of Labour Secretary James Mitchell's statement that April will be the "critical" month in determining the state of the nation's economic health.

Metal stocks were soft, with Kennecott off more than 1. Steels met selling after the American Iron and Steel Institute predicted another decline in production. Youngstown and Lukens lost more than a point each. Oils favoured the downside, with Amerada off more than a point. The number of stocks touching new highs far out-numbered the total hitting new lows for the year. Specialties featured the upside.

Having jumped more than 2 at its best and touched a new high, Alleghany Corp. Issues were mixed, with the prior preferred up more than 2 and Allied lost more than 1 in the chemicals. Dow and Du Pont eased.

Southern Railway lost 1 in an easier rail group. Autos did little. Aircrafts were narrowly irregular. Metal stocks were soft.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $4,940,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 720,000 shares.

New York Stock Exchange volume was 2,050,000 shares.

Of a total 1,158 issues traded, 642 were lower, 341 higher.

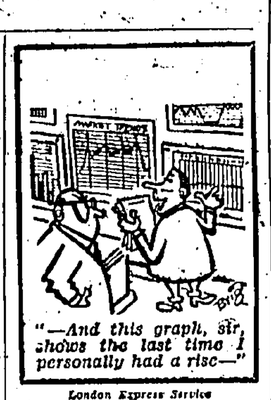
Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	446.70
20 rails	103.88
15 utilities	74.00
65 stocks	162.17
40 bonds	88.47
Comm. future price index	160.32

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$ 18⅛
Allied Chemicals	74
Allied Mills Inc.	22¼
Allis Chalmers	24
Am. Brake Shoe	35¼
American Airline	30⅝
American Cable & Radio Corp.	4
American Cyanamid Co.	64⅜
Amer. & Forgn. Power	12⅞
Am. Gas & Electric	44
Am. Mach. & Ferry.	35⅝
American Metal	30½
American Smelting	45⅞
Am. Sugar Ref.	40
American Tel & Tel	171⅞
Anaconda Copper	44¾
Armour	13¼
Atlas Cons. Mining	8⅞
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	11⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	24⅝
Beneficial Finance	22¼
Bendix Aviation Corp.	47½
Bethlehem Steel	38⅜
Boeing Airplane	36⅛
Borden (The) Co.	63¼
Burroughs Add Machine	29
Campbell Soup Co.	39⅛xd
Canadian Pacific R.	20¼
Case (J. I.) Co.	14⅞
Cat. Tractor	59½
Celanese Corp.	158⅛
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	49⅝
Chrysler Motors	60⅛
Cluett Peabody	43⅜
Colombian Carbon Co.	37⅛
Commercial Credit	53¾
Commonwealth Elec.	27⅛
Consolidated Edison	49⅝
Continental Oil of Del.	47⅝
Cuban Amer. Sugar	20½
Diamond Alkali	37¾
Diamond Match Co.	29½
Douglas Aircraft	66
Dow Chemicals	55⅝
Dupont de Nemours	170
Eastern Airline	38
Eastman Kodak	104½
El Paso National Gas	28½
Family Finance Corp.	26⅛
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	85½xd
Ford Motor	40
General Electric	69⅛
General Foods	54
General Motors	35⅛
Gen. Pub. Util.	41¼
Getty Oil	26
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	60¾
Goodyear Tyre	73
Gulf Oil	108¾
Heyden Newport Corp.	13½
Homestake Mining Co.	38¾
Inland Steel Co.	78
Interchemical Corp.	39¼
Int'l Business Machines	340
Int'l. Harvester	29
International Nickel	74¼
International Paper	91¼
Int'l Tel & Tel	33
John-Manville Co.	37½
Kennecott Copper	80
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	69½
Lockheed Aircraft	41⅝
Loews Incorp.	33⅛
Lone Star Cement Co.	13¾
Lowenstein & Sons	
McDonnell Aircraft (Am. Stock Exge.)	27⅝
Mesabi Iron Corp.	20⅛
Minnesota Mining	71
Mission Development	38⅝
Monsanto Chemical Co.	32⅛
Montgomery Ward	35¼
Motorola Inc.	30⅝
National Cash Reg. "A"	67½
National Dairy Prod.	44
National Lead	87¾
National Steel Corp.	47
New York Central	13⅞
Norfolk & Western Hy.	50½
Olin Mathieson	35¼
Otis Elevators	60½ xd
Owen-Illinois Glass	68⅛
Oxford Paper Co.	31⅞
Pacific Gas & Elec.	33⅞
Pan American Airways	14⅛
Paramount Pictures	33⅜
Penny J. C. Co.	87⅝
Penn. Salt Co.	52¾
Philip Morris	49⅛
Procter & Gamble Co.	80
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	77
Publicker Industries	7⅝
Pure Oil	33⅝
Radio Corporation	31⅞
Radio Corp. Pref.	71¼
Republic Steel	29¾
Reynolds Metal	30⅞
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	26⅜
Shell Oil Co.	70
Saint Reg. Paper	30½
Sinclair Oil	51⅛
Socony Mobiloil	40½
Solar Aircraft	16
South Puerto Rico Sugar	27½
Southern Co. (The)	20½
Southern National Gas	35⅝
Southern Railway (Com.)	33
Standard Brands	47⅛
Standard Oil of Cal.	46¼
Standard Oil of Ind.	40¾
Standard Oil of N.J.	81½
Steep Rock (Toronto Exge.)	9⅛
Sterling Drug Co.	38⅛
Stokely-Van Camp.	12⅝
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	3¼
Sunshine Mining	7⅝
Swift & Co.	34
Texas Co.	63
Textron Inc.	13⅝
Tide Water Assn. Oil	21¾
Time Inc.	62¼
Twentieth Century Fox Film	23⅝
Union Carbide	80¾
Union Oil of Cal.	45
Union Pacific Railway	26⅝
United Aircraft	57¾
United Gas Corp.	29¾
U.S. Foil "B"	27⅝
U.S. Gypsum	71¾
U.S. Line Co.	26⅞
U.S. Rubber	32⅞
U.S. Smelting	31⅝
U.S. Steel	57¾
Warner Bros.	10½
Westinghouse Electric	61⅝
Western Union Tel. Co.	17¼
West Va. Pulp & Paper	34⅞
Woolworth	42⅛

—United Press.



"—And this graph, sir, shows the last time I personally had a rise—"

London Express Service

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

New York, Mar. 31.

Rex rubber futures today closed one lower to 9 points higher with sales of 30 contracts.

May: 26.55; July: 26.65; Sept: 26.65; Nov: 26.65; Jan: 26.65; May: 26.65.

Standard contract closed one lower to 9 points higher with no sales reported.

May: 25.55; July: 26.55; Sept: 26.65; Nov: 26.65; Jan: 26.65; Mar: 26.65.

Small and featureless dealings were mostly of a routine nature between dealer interests. New interests remained stifled pending Indonesian developments. But prices appeared more sensitive to selling orders. Disappointment over the slow automobile situation was manifest.

Trade authorities estimated new car sales for the first quarter at the lowest ebb in six years. First quarter sales of 1,113,915 units was about 25 per cent under last year and five per cent under the first quarter postwar average.

"Rubber manufacturers are hopeful that increased replacement tyre demand will offset the reduced demand for new equipment this year, but this is problematical in view of the general business slowdown," commented the Commodity Research Bureau.

In today's shipment market, a small tonnage involved one sheets, April/May 25¾ cents, and two sheets April/May. 25 cents, both cost and freight out of Indonesia. Spot No. 1 ribs was quoted at 26⅝ cents.

SINGAPORE

The market ruled quiet throughout the morning with most traders disinclined to trade.

In the afternoon there was some inquiry for shipment rubber and some sellers were ready to meet the market although very small business was recorded.

Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. April		76½-77½
	May	76½-77
No. 2 rubber per lb. April		75¼-75½
No. 3 "	"	69½-70
No. 4 "	"	60½-67½
Spot rubber unbaled		76½-77½
Blanket crepe		83-85
No. 1 pale crepe		79-81

LONDON

The rubber market was steady but quiet with spot unchanged at 23-1/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	23-23⅛
Settlement (Close term):	
May	23-23⅛
June	23-23⅛
July/Sept.	23-23¼
Oct./Dec.	23-23¼
Jan./Mar.	23⅛-23⅜
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
April and May	23⅛-23⅜
June	23⅛-23⅜
Estate crepe thin April	23½
thick April	23

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was dull. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif April as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.10 nom.
No. 2 rubber	2.12 nom.
No. 3 rubber	2.00 nom.
No. 1 crepe	2.28 nom.

—United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Mar. 31.

Cotton futures today climaxed a narrowly irregular session with a sharp closing reaction.

Finishing around the day's lowest levels the list was off 18 to 30 points net. Opening prices were unchanged to off 4 points. New Orleans closed off 24 to 27 points.

Realising by recent buyers following the rise to the highest level in almost 5½ years, along with hedge selling, found trade buyers more reserved. New Orleans interests were prominent in later dealings.

Some evening-up before the long weekend Easter holiday was noted. The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will be closed from Thursday until Monday morning.

Traders turned more attention to weather and crop news, which observers believed will become the main price-shaping influence hereafter.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson, testifying before the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee, renewed his request for permission to cut support as low as 60 per cent of parity.

Unexpectedly small month-end mill buying brought liquidation by some of the recent buyers, crop news featured complaints of delayed farm work in central and eastern belt sections, however, practically all of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas has been planted and up to a good stand.

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot: 36.10n; May: 35.98; July: 36.22-23; Oct: 36.72; Dec: 36.74; Mar: 36.92-93; May: 36.87; July: 36.84.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot: 34.93; May: 35.03; July: 36.22; Oct: 36.69; Dec: 36.71; Mar: 36.95; May: 36.90; July: 36.86.

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

American contract	
May/June	24.90
July/Aug.	25.40
Oct./Nov.	26.03
Dec./Jan.	26.41
Mar./Apr.	26.63
Mixed contract	
May/June	26.30
July/Aug.	26.88
Oct./Nov.	27.13
Dec./Jan.	27.25
Mar./Apr.	27.35

SAO PAULO

Cotton future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

May	42.10
July	42.00
Oct.	42.88
Dec.	43.00

In the United States, the average price of one-inch cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 34.55 cents.

Total sales at these markets were 25,491 bales.—United Press.

London Metal Prices

London, Mar. 31.

Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

		Buyers	Sellers
Tin	spot	730	730½
	3-month	729½	730
Copper	spot	178⅝	179⅛
	3-month	179	179⅛
Lead	2nd half March	73½	74
	June	73½	73½
Zinc	2nd half March	63½	63⅝
	June	63½	63⅝

—United Press.

Charges Against Rubber Firms

Washington, Mar. 31.

The Justice Department today announced settlement of charges of anti-trust violations in the sale and manufacture of foam rubber against the B. F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio and Dayton Rubber Co. of Dayton, Ohio.

The government filed a consent decree ending the suit in Federal Court in New York City.

The government charged in its complaint that the defendants combined and conspired with two firms and two individuals, named as co-conspirators, who were collectively known as the English Group. The Department said the group was engaged in the acquisition and licensing of foam rubber and allied product patents on a world wide basis.

The complaint accused the defendants of combining and conspiring with the English Group to allocate world markets for the manufacture and sale of sponge rubber. It also accused the defendants of conspiring to prevent the entry of domestic competitors into the foam rubber market.

Under the judgment entered today, Goodrich and Dayton are barred from allocating world markets and from preventing competitors from entering the foam rubber field. They are forbidden to decide who shall be licensed in the U.S. to manufacture and sell foam rubber products under their patents and those of the so-called "English Group."—United Press.

Singapore Stocks

Singapore, Apr. 1.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.75
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	37s
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	27s 6d
Fraser & Neave Ltd Ord.	$2.67½
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum. pref	$4.05
Gammons (Malaya) Ltd.	$2.36
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$430
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	4s 6d
Kumpas Ltd.	$1.67½
Kuala Kampar Tin	32s
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	$1.05
Malayan Breweries	$3.62½*
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$2.50
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$1.77½
Raffles Hotel	$3.62½
Singapore Cold Storage	$2.91
Straits Trading	$1.60
Straits Steamship	$0.70 †
United Engineers Ord.	$1.06
Wearne Bros.	$3.12½

* cumdiv; † exall. — China Mail Special.

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"SUNDA"	5th April	18th May
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"CORFU"	30th April	2nd June

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"TIRIA"	due 7th May sails 8th May	from Japan for Singapore, Penang, Madras, Bombay, Bhavnagar & Karachi
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W. BENGAL ASSEMBLY UPROAR

Calcutta, Mar. 31.
The West Bengal State Assembly was adjourned indefinitely by the speaker today after three days of continuous uproar and near riot following allegations of corruption against the Congress government by a resigning minister.

As Congress Party and Communist-led opposition members shouted at one another across the floor, the speaker announced he had no alternative but to adjourn the house sine die.

Members were still shouting after he had walked out.

Trouble started last week when the Judicial and Tribal Welfare Minister in the West Bengal government, Siddhartha Sankar Ray, resigned and accused the government of following a "diabolical and irresponsible" food policy, of neglecting refugees, and of corruption in issuing licences and permits.—Reuter.

Iron Workers Told To Strike

Gelsenkirchen, Mar. 31.
The powerful West German Metalworkers Union today gave 180,000 Ruhr iron and steelworkers the order to strike for higher wages on April 9.

The union's executive board approved unanimously the recommendation of its wage board that the strike be called to support a 10 per cent pay increase demand.

Unless agreement is reached before the April 9 deadline, the industrial Ruhr's basic iron and steel plants will have their first major strike since before the Hitler era.

The tie-up would shortly idle other plants in the metal processing industry and probably force layoffs in the coal mines, already working under capacity because of order cuts from industry.—United Press.

Italy Requests Nasser To Postpone Visit

Rome, Mar. 31.

An Italian Foreign Office spokesman tonight confirmed Cairo reports that the Italian Government had asked President Nasser of Egypt to postpone his state visit to Italy, originally planned for the beginning of June.

The spokesman said the Italian Government had pointed out that elections are being held in Italy at the end of May and it is unlikely that a new government will have obtained a vote of confidence from Parliament before mid-June.

The spokesman said President Nasser had been asked to suggest any time would which suit him after the constitution of the new government.—Reuter.

Anniversary Explosions

Nicosia, Mar. 31.

Several explosions occurred tonight in Famagusta (East Cyprus) on the third anniversary of the outbreak of Eoka (Union with Greece) terrorist attacks.

First reports said the explosions took place near the British Army camp there.

Security forces were on the alert in anticipation of a new wave of violence to mark Eoka's anniversary.—France-Presse.

Demonstrations

Lagos, Mar. 31.

The funeral of Alhaji Adegoke Adelabu, former Opposition leader in the Western Nigeria Parliament, touched off demonstrations today in the Abadan area. Ten persons were reported killed.

Adelabu died in a road collision last week. He had a large following and shock over his death was believed to have led to the demonstrations. Police arrested more than 200 persons.—United Press.

INDONESIAN REBELS CLAIM SUCCESSES

Central Government Paratroops Said Killed

Bukittinggi, Sumatra, Mar. 31.
Revolutionary forces were reported today pressing their first gains against government troops fighting at Taluk, 100 miles east of Bukittinggi.

But a high revolutionary official said, "we expect severe attacks against us before the end of the Ramdan month of fasting."

The rebel government announced that 70 Central Government paratroopers were killed and more than 100 wounded in scattered guerilla fighting in East Central Sumatra during the last 10 days. They said the rebels had lost 13 killed and had four wounded.

Mohammed Nastir, Masjumi Party leader, told the United Press he had received reports from Djakarta that Dr Bahder Djohan has been kidnapped and accused by youth organisations. Djohan is president of the Indonesian Red Cross and formerly president of the University of Indonesia until he resigned in February.

No Chance

Nastir also said there was "no hope, no chance" of a compromise settlement with the Central Government.

"We will have to fight it out," he added. "It will be a long fight but worthwhile."

He said the rebel situation was improving. He cited rebel counter attacks near Lubuk Djambi, 100 miles southeast of Bukittinggi.

The revolutionary government said there had been fierce fighting on March 22 near Sungei Pagar and Lipat Kain, 30 and 60 miles south of Pakanbaru. Rebel troops, it said, had recaptured Lipat Kain after a three-hour fight. Later, Central Government troops counter-attacked, were repelled and lost 40 paratroopers killed, it continued.

At Sungei Pagar, the rebels said they killed or wounded 60 government soldiers in a sneak attack. They said the other side's wounded were airlifted to Djakarta.

Pressing Drive

There were fragmentary reports from the Taluk area, indicating that the rebels were pressing a drive that had gained a foothold at Rengat last week and had driven rapidly westward to Lubukdjambi, where they threatened Central Sumatra's road link to neutral Palembang in South Sumatra.

There were minor probing clashes in the Lake Toba region of Northern Sumatra, just south of Medan, according to reports.

The Government was reported to have one battalion at Sidikalang and another at Prapat, near Lake Toba, ready for the signal from Djakarta to begin an expected thrust into Tapanuli, toward Sibolga and Bukittinggi.

The southern entrance to the Bukittinggi mountain stronghold from Pakanbaru was reported still effectively blockaded by rebel defence units ranged along a line established during the weekend when the revolutionaries blasted out a bridge over a major river crossing.

In connection with Nastir's report of the kidnapping, Djohan said he had approached Prime Minister Djuanda of the Djakarta government after the rebels had sent the government an ultimatum, trying to persuade Djuanda to take a conciliatory course. A short time later, Djohan resigned, was arrested on March 22, and disappeared, according to reports reaching here.

Not Personality

Nastir said he believed it wrong for Indonesia to depend on two personalities such as President Soekarno and former Vice-President Mohammad Hatta.

He said the questions involved were not of personality. "Soekarno is the symbol of one idea and Hatta is the symbol of another," Nastir said. "What is at stake is too big to be dependent on any two people."—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER
(In America)

"I know! Don't tell me! 'Never within living memory at this time of year . . .'"

No Atomic Arms For W. Germany, Say War Veterans

Belgrade, Mar. 31.
Yugoslav war veterans today joined a campaign directed against West German atomic armament.

The 1,200,000-strong War Veterans Association, mostly ex-partisans who fought with President Tito against German occupation, said the Bonn Parliament's decision last week to equip the West German Army with atomic weapons was received with "revulsion and concern."

The Association central committee, meeting in a plenary session, passed a unanimous resolution backing the Yugoslav government in its declared intention to consider referring the new West German move to the United Nations.

Such an action would reflect "the deepest interests and feelings" of the Yugoslav people and veterans, the resolution said.

War veterans' organisations throughout the world should "actively resist" the carrying out of the West German decision, it added.—Reuter.

TRAVEL BAN ON FOREIGNERS IN RUSSIA

Moscow, Mar. 31.
The Soviet authorities have banned all travel by foreign diplomats and other foreigners to the southern areas of the Soviet Union, usually reliable sources reported tonight.

The ban, similar to one imposed last year, is expected to last two weeks. The areas affected are the Ukraine, the Caucasus and the whole of Central Asia.

The ban came into force this weekend, and foreigners already in the area were evicted from their hotels and sent back to Moscow, the sources said.

No reason for the ban was known.—Reuter.

Water Hours Increased

Hours of water supply in the Colony are to be increased from eight to 10 hours daily. The increase is made possible due to the satisfactory storage position.

The Colony's reservoirs also benefitted by last week's rains.

The new supply hours come into effect immediately. They are from 6.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Total water storage on Saturday morning amounted to 4,054 million gallons and the yield from catchment areas last week was 372 million gallons.

It is estimated that the average daily consumption on the new supply hours will be 53 million gallons. With the storage position being such as it is and with the spring rains expected in a matter of weeks, it is considered that the increase can be made with reasonable safety.

The Colony went on the reduced eight hours daily supply on January 26.

'Nuclear Tests Should Continue'

Ft Bragg, Mar. 31.
Lieutenant-General James Gavin, former Chief of Army Research and Development, closed out a 30-year career in the Service today with a call for continued nuclear tests by this country.

General Gavin's resignation at his own request became effective today. His action stemmed from criticism he made last January on restrictions imposed on the Army in the missiles race.

General Gavin, 51, told a Press conference today that he felt he had a choice of resigning, perjuring himself in testimony before Congress, or being insubordinate. He said he had no criticism of either Congress or the Army.

HUMANITY

He said he felt this country should continue testing nuclear weapons despite Russia's announcement that it would halt them.

"It is in the interest of humanity for the United States to continue its testing of nuclear weapons," he said. "Whether we like it or not, we are living in a nuclear age.

"Fission and fusion are here to stay and we must live with them. And we must study and learn to make weapons that can be used without destroying our planet."—United Press.

Sufficient Tests Says Another General

London, Mar. 31.
General Sir Richard Gale, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe-designate, tonight described as a "formidable thing" the Russian suspension of nuclear tests because it showed they had done "sufficient tests."

He was addressing a joint meeting of the European Atlantic Group and the British Atlantic Committee.

General Gale stressed that he had great faith in the power of fear to unite countries in military alliances.

The conventional strength of the Soviet Army was so great that no country in the West, including the United States could afford "to go it alone."

General Gale declared that the Russians had 175 divisions on the Western Front and could raise this to 250 without difficulty.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"From the applause you got, that was a grand speech you made! Explain it to me!"

Caronia Arrives On Cruise

After a surge of business from tourists who arrived a few weeks ago in the luxury cruiseliners Kungsholm and Statendam, local merchants are expecting good trade from 409 wealthy tourists who arrived this morning on board the liner Caronia.

The 34,000-ton "Green Goddess" arrived from New York via Manila, on her fourth annual visit to Hongkong. Her first visit here was on April 1, 1955.

The Caronia began her 108-day and 33,500-mile round the world cruise from New York on January 21.

As soon as she docked outside No. 6 gate of Kowloon Wharf, half of the passengers went out into Navy Street where a fleet of taxis were waiting for them.

409 Passengers

Of her 409 passengers, the majority are well-to-do, retired American businessmen and their wives.

According to Messrs Thomas Cook and Sons Ltd. about 200 cars had been arranged to take them on tours of the island and the New Territories. A Yaumati ferry had been chartered for a round-the-island tour.

At night the tourists will be treated to lavish Chinese dinners.

Many of the passengers who were questioned by reporters on their way out said that they were not newcomers here. One lady said that this was the third time she arrived in the Caronia.

CHRISTIAN FILM

A new Christian film entitled "Miracle" will be shown at the European YMCA on Easter Sunday, April 6, commencing 8.45 p.m.

Produced by Unusual Films at Bob Jones University, USA, the film features Dr Bob Jones, Jr, protrays the life of Joe Parelli, a man who was beyond human help, and the miracle it took to save him.

Van Crashes

A motor van suddenly swerved towards the left and collided with stationary vehicles parked near the kerb in Wyndham Street this morning. The van sustained damage to its mudguard and head lamps. Another van was pushed against the kerb and its left front wheel was almost wrenched off. The tail light of a big private car was also damaged.

Knife Battle

Manila, Apr. 1.

Three people were killed and five others were wounded yesterday as knives flashed in Roxas city between two groups of brothers over the hand of a girl during a dance.

A rejected suitor of the girl, together with his brothers, caused trouble during the dance. This made the girl's fiancee and his brothers retaliate.—France-Presse.

2 FERRIES COLLIDE

Passengers crossing the harbour at about 9 o'clock this morning sprang up and rushed from the bows of two ferry boats as the Celestial Star of the Star Ferry Company and the Man Foon of the Hongkong Yaumati Ferry Company collided.

The collision occurred as the two ferries were sandwiched between a sailing lighter and the bows of the cargo-passenger vessel Tjiwanji.

The Star Ferry was crossing the harbour from Kowloon to Hongkong. The other vessel was travelling from Wanchai in the direction of Shumshuipo.

Fenders were put out before the collision occurred, and the wooden guards of both ferry boats were slightly damaged. The Celestial Star caught the Man Foon on the starboard bow with the point of her prow.

RHKDF Colonel Arrives

Lieut-Col M. T. N. Jennings, the new Deputy Commandant of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force, accompanied by Mrs Jennings arrived from the United Kingdom in the troopship Oxfordshire this morning.

The couple were met by Lieut-Col T. F. C. Hamilton, Deputy Commandant of the RHKDF.

Col Jennings was until recently Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (TA). Since the war he has held a number of staff appointments in India, Portugal and at the War Office.

He is succeeding Lieut-Col T. F. C. Hamilton, who is expected to leave Hongkong in May.

Accused Alleges Forced To Make Statement

A man accused of receiving some of the property stolen in a robbery at 24 Percival Street, third floor, on December 26 last year, alleged at the Criminal Sessions this morning that he had been assaulted by detectives who tried to force him to make a statement.

The accused is Lee Ha-sun, 28, unemployed, named as the fourth accused in the indictment.

The first three are charged with robbery. They are Lau Sau, 30, Ko Sin-yue, 31, and Hau Shu-chi, 22, all unemployed. The three are alleged to have robbed Mrs Wong Shek-chun of a wrist watch, a cigarette lighter and a pair of spectacles, and her amah of another wrist watch, a gold ring and $1.

Slapped

The trial is before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and Jury of six men and a woman.

Testifying on his own behalf, Lee Ha-Sun said he was arrested on December 31. At Hunghom Police Station, a man named Choi Ping-lung slapped him twice. One Inspector Tsang grabbed his hair and several detectives struck him from behind.

The second accused was also present, Lee continued. Choi asked him (Lee) if he knew anything about a cigarette lighter and a pair of spectacles. He said he did not know.

Lee said he heard the second accused say that the spectacles were in a heap of refuse. He (witness) said that he had nothing to do with the spectacles.

Fourth accused said the Det. Sgt Lui Lok and other detectives then forced him to bring them to the refuse heap referred to by the second accused, which was some distance from the Station.

When he had pointed out the refuse heap, the policemen searched it and found the spectacles.

Lee said he was brought back to the Station, and later transferred to Eastern Police Station. There Det. Sgt Lui Lok told him not to worry, but that he had to make a statement about the spectacles. He replied he knew nothing about it.

Found Knife

The sergeant allegedly said: "Don't be a fool. You are only required as a witness."

When he refused, Lee continued, Lui became annoyed and looked as if he was going to beat him. He felt compelled to do as he was told, and asked Lui what he wanted him to write down.

The sergeant dictated, and he wrote down what was said, Lee said. Afterwards, a Police party, together with the second accused and himself, went to a church compound, where the second accused pointed out a sofa. The Police searched the sofa and found a knife hidden in it.

Hearing is proceeding.

5 Seriously Injured

Five people, including three boys, were seriously injured in separate traffic accidents in Hongkong and Kowloon yesterday. They are all receiving treatment in hospital.

One of the boys, nine-year-old Chow Fun-man of 14 Po Lung Terrace, ground floor, was knocked down by a private van in Belchers Street, near Po Lung Terrace. The other two boys, both eleven years of age, were involved in bicycle mishaps. Hui Hong-tang of 8 Fuk Lo Tsun Road, third floor, sustained serious injuries when he fell from his bicycle and Chan Ping-kee of 38 Wai Ching Street, 1st floor, was knocked down by a bicycle in Wai Ching Street.

In the other two accidents, Wong Tsui, a 72-year-old woman received serious injuries when she fell off a stationary bus in Queen's Road East and Chan Yin-fai, aged 26, of 48 Kilung Street, ground floor, was injured when his motorcycle collided with a private car outside No. 63 Waterloo Road.

AUTHOR OF FBI BOOK IN COLONY

By A STAFF REPORTER

Visiting Hongkong at the moment, and thoroughly enjoying it, is Mr Don Whitehead, a veteran journalist, now author of a well-known book.

He is on a world pleasure trip with his wife.

Mr Whitehead wrote "The FBI Story" which was published late last year. Because of his long newspaper standing and his close association with those in this world famous Federal Bureau of Investigation, he was able to peep into some of the top secret files and obtain material no other writer had managed before.

"The FBI Story" is a 800-page book containing 160,000 words telling the history of this organisation, its working and disclosing some of the cases investigated by its agents.

TRANSLATED

The publication has been translated into French, Japanese and Spanish.

Warner Brother bought the rights and made a picture based on the book. "The FBI Story" will be released for showing sometime this summer.

Mr Whitehead's long association with the American Press dates back almost quarter of a century. He was with the Associated Press for 21 years and a Bureau Chief of the New York Herald Tribune for another two years before he turned his attention to writing books. But he retained his connection with the Press as a free lancer.

During his time as a newspaperman, he has won two Pulitzer Prizes.

Mr and Mrs Whitehead left the United States on March 2 on their present world tour. Though he said he was enjoying his trip, his travels are somewhat like a busman's holiday. He is gathering more material during his various stop-overs for his next book on "Law Enforcement Problems Around the World."

IMPRESSED

He and Mrs Whitehead arrived here nine days ago and during his short stay, he called on the Commissioner of Police, Mr A. C. Maxwell, for details and briefings for his new book. "I am very much impressed by your Police Force here," Mr Whitehead said. "You have a good force and I understand it is highly respected by your citizens here."

Mr and Mrs Whitehead are leaving this Friday on their return trip home but before going away, the two will "tour Hongkong."

"This is really a beautiful place. Hongkong by night is wonderful," said Mr Whitehead.

"I'll say it is," echoed Mrs Whitehead.

SAILOR ROBBED

The Police have detained a suspect following the theft of a sum of money from a British sailor in a bar in the Central district at about 2 a.m. today.

Two Chinese boys, one aged ten and the other aged twelve, have been arrested by the Police following the larceny of a sum of money from a Chinese girl outside the Pei Ho Theatre in Pei Ho Street yesterday.

Property valued at $110 was stolen from No. 1 Ventris Road between 11 o'clock last night and 6.30 this morning.

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